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BARDIA CAPITULATES Entire Garrison Surrenders

GROWING UNREST IN RUMANIA

The internal position of Rumania is rapidly worsening and the administration is scarcely able to maintain control, according to information from the Bulgarian-Rumanian frontier received in Sofia yesterday.

A large number of alleged Communists have been arrested and it is rumoured that many will be shot.

Iron Guard malcontents are reported to be openly demonstrating against the presence of German troops in Rumania.

The Germans are said to be assisting the authorities to keep order at present.

Cost of living is rising rapidly and there is much speculation in food.

Reports add that most of the fresh German troops are directed to the Soviet frontier and to Danube ports, with certain units along the Yugoslav frontier. — Reuter.

DANGEROUS GAME, SAYS "ASAHI"

"There is no more dangerous game for America to play," declared the Tokyo "Asahi Shimbun" yesterday in an attack on President Roosevelt's policy of more aid to Britain.

"Who can guarantee America won't join in the war ultimately?" continues the paper, which considers that President Roosevelt has already made up his mind—otherwise a man of his importance would not have made such bold remarks.

Claiming that Germany and Italy have never extended or thrust totalitarianism on America, the paper concludes that the friction is due solely to America's "unnecessary and offensive interference" with the construction of a new order in East Asia. — Reuter.

HEIR FOR NAWAB OF PATAUDI

A son and heir was born in Bhopal yesterday to the cricketer, the Nawab of Pataudi, who is a son-in-law of the Nawab of Bhopal, says Reuter.

CALCUTTA LABOUR WAR RALLY

A big rally of industrial workers in Calcutta yesterday passed a resolution expressing solidarity with the British workers' fight against Fascism and called on the Indian masses to stand shoulder to shoulder with British workers to victory. — Reuter.

LONDON WATCHERS DEFEAT THE FIRE RAIDERS

AN ENEMY RAIDER attacked East Anglia in daylight yesterday and dropped a few bombs which did a small amount of damage and injured a few people.

Elsewhere in East Anglia machine-gun attacks by single raiders were reported.

VICHY ANNOYS NAZIS

The Wilhelmstrasse is very dissatisfied with the resignation of Paul Baudoin, Chief of the Prime Minister's Office in the Vichy Government, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich newspaper "La Suisse" yesterday.

The correspondent says his departure is regarded as a sign of very great divergences of opinion within the Vichy Government, and the existence of a group of Ministers who are sabotaging Franco-German collaboration. Although the Wilhelmstrasse

One plane dived to open fire on cattle in a field but the animals escaped unhurt. The alert was sounded after dusk in London last evening.

Gunfire was heard and baskets of incendiary bombs were dropped in one district. Heavy anti-aircraft fire greeted these early raiders. Fire-watchers scored a signal success during the Luftwaffe's visit to London last night.

Not One Fire

When three successive waves of raiders dropped hundreds of incendiary bombs in one district, fire-watchers acted with such promptness that not a single bomb was alight long enough to cause a fire.

Enemy planes were also reported from Liverpool, from a town in the East Midlands and towns in north-west and north-east England. — Reuter.

says German patience is at an end and the correspondent adds that no sensational events are expected immediately. — Reuter.

Iron Ring Round Fortress Smashed Within 36 Hours

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY THAT THE WHOLE OF THE ITALIAN FORCES OCCUPYING THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF BARDIA'S DEFENCES WERE FORCED TO SURRENDER ON SATURDAY NIGHT; THE TOTAL PRISONERS NOW EXCEEDS 15,000.

The Southern sector had surrendered earlier and the last remaining pockets of resistance were mopped up by Australian infantry shortly before 6 o'clock on Saturday evening.

The Italian flag was hauled down from the mast over Government House and resistance ceased.

Thus, in 36 hours, the Australian infantry, fighting in perfect cooperation with British mechanised units, R.A.F. fighter-bombers and big ships of the Royal Navy, smashed the iron ring round this much-vaunted stronghold.

The capture of 15,000 prisoners, officially announced yesterday afternoon, left little doubt as to the outcome of the battle.

The military spokesman has pointed out how greatly eased Britain's maintenance problem will become with the capture of Bardia.

Use of the port will save the long overland journey from Mersa Matruh and Port Sollum which, until a few days ago, was under shell-fire from Bardia.

The Bardia water supply is also believed to be better than any available at Mersa Matruh, Sidi Barrani, Bug Bug or Sollum.

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ITALIAN AIR BASES ATTACKED

ITALIAN AERODROMES IN EASTERN LIBYA WERE SUBJECTED TO INCESSANT BOMBARDMENT DURING THE NIGHT OF FRIDAY/SATURDAY AND THROUGHOUT SATURDAY, STATES A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FROM R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST HEADQUARTERS, IN CAIRO.

During two encounters with the Italian air force three CR 42's were shot down in flames and one other destroyed.

British losses were one fighter in the Western Desert. — Reuter.



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AUSSIES WORK TO TIME-TABLE

Go Through Defences Of Bardia Like Express Train Carry Everything Before Them

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at British Headquarters in the Western Desert)

THE AUSTRALIANS, BACKED UP BY BRITISH ARMoured FORCES, DASHED THROUGH BARDIA LIKE AN EXPRESS TRAIN; THEY CARRIED OUT PERFECTLY TO TIME-TABLE THE OPERATIONS PLANNED BY THEIR COMMANDERS.

ITALY WARNED OF NEW BLOW

More than a hint that things are not going too well around Bardia for the Fascists was made in a broadcast over Rome Radio late yesterday afternoon by Signor Ansaldo, Mussolini's "No. 2 mouth-piece."

"To-day's communique states that the battle of Bardia continues," said Signor Ansaldo.

"Is it still continuing while we are speaking?"

"It is possible that in spite of the loss of these outposts our men are still holding the enemy."

"It is also possible that our men have been forced to yield to the enormous concentration of men and material Wavell has massed on the Cyrenaica front."

"Efforts to minimise enemy successes we do not like."

"If Bardia falls, it will be a new British success — local, if you like — but still a considerable one and a sad piece of news for us." — Reuter.

"Source Of Pride"

Ansaldo was preparing the Italian public for news of the fall of Bardia.

The German news agency quotes him as saying: "Whatever the fate of Bardia may be, at whatever hour it may fall, the heroic deeds of her defenders call for the thanks of all Italians."

He added that the defence of Bardia by General Berganzoli for 20 days was a source of pride to Italy.

Bardia, he continued, was not a fortress; it was merely equipped with entrenchments, and that the Italians held out was due solely to their heroism.

Ansaldo stated that the military results of the defence were clearly recognised. It had stopped the English offensive and given Italian troops in Libya time to rally. — Reuter.

PREMIER'S THANKS

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL HAS SENT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIER ON THE "MAGNIFICENT MANNER IN WHICH THE AUSTRALIAN OFFENSIVE AGAINST BARDIA HAS OPENED."

Mr. Churchill adds: "The piercing of the western sector and the capture of at least 6,000 prisoners in itself constitutes a fine feat of arms and is, I trust and believe, the prelude to even greater success." — Reuter.

The time-table was prepared at advanced headquarters near the Libyan frontier. Each stage of the attack was worked out in the minutest detail and all were carried out in accordance with the most optimistic hopes.

During the past fortnight guns, ammunition, water and petrol have been streaming up to the front, and then for two nights and one day a thorough plastering of the port by the Navy and R.A.F. prepared the way for a land attack at dawn on Friday.

At the crack of dawn the Australians, protected by tanks, went in on the western side of the perimeter of Bardia's defences, roughly opposite the port, spread out south-eastwards and attacked the defenders from the rear and flank.

A day and a half of fighting sufficed to mop up the entire southern half of the defences, except for a clump in the extreme south-east corner, where the terrain is rocky and intersected with small ravines, in which some of the defenders were taking refuge.

The speed of these operations was astonishing but even more astonishing is the fact that the same period has been sufficient to clean up the northern half of the defences.

Not A Barrier

One deep ravine, named Waddi Gerfan, cuts almost clear across the circle of defences westwards from Bardia, forming a natural barrier against tanks, but it was no barrier to the Australians.

They simply charged across it, pouring bullets from their guns.

Despite the courage and dash with which the Australians carried out the action it is understood that their casualties were not heavy.

In addition to 15,000 prisoners the British are now in possession of almost all the guns, with which Bardia was defended, together with stores and ammunition.

Main Forward Base

As the town is cleaned up it is probable that other stores will be found, because the port was Graziani's main forward base for the Egyptian-Libyan frontier.

The problem of what to do with the thousands of prisoners is much easier for the British authorities to solve now than last time, for an organisation has been established behind the lines to enable prisoners to be rapidly dealt with.

The problem is also made more simple by the willingness of the majority of the Italians to be captured.

The more northern half of the defences of Bardia is believed to include a number of Italians who already participated in the retreat from Fort Capuzzo and Sidi Barrani.

These men are understood to have been disheartened by their experiences and immediately surrendered when the Australians were sighted at Bardia.

CRICKET IN INDIA

Led by the Maharajah of Patiala, the Viceroy's XI (302 and 189 for 7) beat the Bengal Governor's XI, led by C. K. Nayudu (364 and 123) in a match in aid of war funds at Calcutta yesterday. — Reuter.

ITALIAN ARMY'S PROBLEM

Italian soldiers captured by the Greeks frequently break into songs which are loudly cheered by their comrades.

The special correspondent of the Athens newspaper "Ehthnos" makes this statement in the course of an article when he discusses the question whether or not Italian soldiers can fight.

His conclusion is that Italian soldiers can fight but that the present war simply does not inspire them.

He says that officers who gained their rank prior to the advent of Fascism are profoundly distressed at the reverses suffered by the Italian arms and consider Fascism responsible for their humiliations.

Faith Lacking

The younger officers, imbued with the fanatic spirit of Fascism, do their best but without success to prevent captured rankers from expressing their views.

Reserve officers with whom the correspondent spoke expressed views similar to those of the ordinary soldiers. "Generally speaking," the correspondent concludes, "faith and elan appear to be qualities completely lacking among Italian officers and men." — Reuter.

FRENCH MISSION BOMBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A FRENCH MISSIONARY CHURCH IN KUNMING WAS AMONG THE MANY BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY JAPANESE BOMBERS YESTERDAY.

A fleet of nine bombers escorted by some fighters reached Kunming at 11.30 a.m. and were kept high by Chinese A.A. batteries.

The bombs were dropped in the north-east part of the city, resulting in buildings being demolished and a number of casualties.

The alarm was lifted at 3 p.m. — Our Own Correspondent.



Firemen, muddled with their night's labour, refreshed with tea by nuns of a convent in South West London that was hit by Nazi bombs. (Copyright, Fox).

"ARMAMENT AND HIS TOYS"

In peace time the Armament Officer is somewhat of a Cinderella in the Royal Air Force, but in war he comes into his own with a vengeance. He is always in demand.

He has just seen a raid off. He has given it his blessing, and is hoping that all his "toys" will be delivered accurately and with dispatch to their consumers. But the departure of a raid does not mean that his work is ended. It is just beginning again. He must get busy at once with his preparations for the next raid.

More bombs must be taken out of the stores, loaded on their specially designed trolleys and transported to the fusing-points. Here the bombs are prepared for use, an operation which requires skill and care, as well as a thorough knowledge of the anatomy of these temperamental projectiles.

From the fusing sheds the trains of bomb trolleys are delivered to points where the aircraft will be re-armed when they land. "Armament," as the armament officer is usually called, will be out on the tarmac to see the bombers come in. Each one will be rapidly checked to see that all is well, and before the aircraft are loaded up again, careful tests are carried out to ensure that all the equipment is in perfect working order.

The armament officer is not solely concerned with the bombs and bomb releasing gear, however. Guns, gun-turrets, gun-sights, and ammunition make up the other part of the aircraft side of his duties and help to keep him busy.

And there are still many other spheres in which the armament officer is the guiding influence. Training of bomb aimers, instruction in bomb sights, and bombing gear and analysis of the results of bombing practice are some of them. He also supervises the training of air gunners.

"Provisioning" is a factor which requires constant attention, because it must neither be underdone or overdone. A sudden call for a particular type of bomb might reveal insufficient stocks for the operation planned, but no armament officer has yet been guilty of such an unforgivable crime.

Sometimes the C.O. will ring for "Armament" and ask him which is the best type of bomb to use for a particular job, and how it should be fused for that job. "Armament" is the technical adviser in these matters, for he not only knows how to handle and use his stock-in-trade, but he knows too, the effects his bombs produce when they are dropped. Striking velocities, ballistics, trajectories, penetrative powers and terminal velocities are all within his ken.

In all armament officers, it would seem, there remained a good deal of the small boy who likes to bang for their own sake, for "Armament" is usually some-

thing of a "gadget" man and he is frequently the originator of pieces of useful equipment, now in general use, but primarily invented by him in order to gratify his over-ruling passion for "bigger, and better, bangs".

Another characteristic of "Armament" is marksmanship. He is usually a good shot with rifle, revolver or machine gun, and frequently with all three.

But the bombs invariably come in for the largest share of his care and affection. It is an affection that springs, possibly, from his belief that it is because of the bombs that the Royal Air Force exists.

The fine aircraft with which the Air Force is equipped, the ability of the pilots and navigators to fly those aircraft to the target, all this technical knowledge and skill involved and the organisation and administration of the service are finally devoted to delivering the bomb on the target.

So that the armament officer, though he does not personally go into action against the enemy, is the man on whom the men of action rely for the means with which to destroy that enemy.

GRUESOME CRIME ALLEGED

A gruesome discovery was made on Friday night in Macao when a police officer stopped a ragged Chinese pedestrian and searched the gunny bag which was slung across his back.

In the bag were the arms and legs of a human being.

The man refused to make any statement at first but later broke down and it is alleged, confessed that he had killed his wife with a chopper in the early hours of New Year's Day.

It is alleged that the man cut up the body. The trunk had been thrown into the sea.

He was on his way to get rid of the arms and legs when he was searched by the policeman.

It is believed that the man is mentally unbalanced. — Our Own Correspondent.

VICEREINE'S FUND

The two junior Maharajahs of Nepal have contributed 5,000 rupees each to the Vicereine's Fund for the purchase of ambulances, says Reuter from New Delhi.

SURE OF NAZI POLICY

Americans And Aid To Britain

HITLER NOT SEEKING CASUS BELLI

BOTH THE NEW YORK "Herald-Tribune" and the New York "Times" yesterday carried items strongly favouring all aid to Britain.

The "Herald-Tribune" says bluntly that Hitler will not consider aiding Britain as an act of war until it suits him to do so.

"As this will not be until Britain falls," the newspaper continues, "it will be safe for America to give all the aid she can while Britain is still fighting."

Professor Barton Leach, Professor of Law at Harvard University, and well-known jurist, writing in the New York "Times," asserts that the United States is already in a state of war with the Axis.

In a letter two columns long Professor Leach develops the argument that the technical status of policy is merely a delusion and that full and effective aid to Britain alone can keep the United States out of active fighting.

At a minimum, he suggests, aid to Britain should include the seizure of Axis ships in United States ports, internment of Axis consular staffs and American conveying of supplies.

Diplomatic Relations

The cessation of diplomatic relations with the Axis powers is advocated by Major Fielding Elliot, New York "Herald-Tribune" military expert.

American protection of Elre and the use of Elrean bases by the United States, is another of his proposals.

Major Elliot advocates this step as a stimulus for a policy of conveying supplies. — Reuter.

FRENCH COUNCIL OF DEFENCE

British official recognition has been given to the "Council of Defence of the Empire" established by General de Gaulle at Brazzaville last October.

The British Government yesterday informed General de Gaulle that they will be happy to treat with him and with the Defence Council on all questions involving their collaboration with French overseas territories which place themselves under the authority of General de Gaulle both in matters affecting the association of Free French Forces with His Majesty's forces in prosecuting the war against the common enemy and in those affecting the political and economic interests of those territories. — Reuter.

SOVIET MILITARY TRAINING

The period of compulsory training in the Red Air Force has been increased from three to four years.

A new decree was published in Moscow yesterday making this change but no explanation of the reason for it is given.

The extension affects non-commissioned officers and men. Registration of men liable for military service in the Red Army this year took place yesterday and will be continued on February 12. These men will not be called for service until the Autumn. — Reuter.

FACTORY MISHAP

A worker in the Ngau Gas Mask Factory at Ngau Chi Wan was seriously injured yesterday when his left arm was caught in one of the machines. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

AXIS FLOUNDERING FOR EXPLANATIONS

AXIS PROPAGANDISTS are meeting with some difficulty in explaining the various Italian defeats and are floundering around in a sea of boasts and contradictions.

Rome Radio, for instance, made the remarkable claim last night that "the situation is more favourable to Italy than one would think!"

CLOUDS AND THE BOMBER

On one or two occasions during the past few months there has appeared in the Air Ministry's communiques some such phrase as "Operations by aircraft of Bomber Command were last night restricted because of bad weather." The man in the street has been known to find it hard to reconcile such a statement with the persistent attacks on this country.

"If the Germans can manage it why can't we?" is the question.

It is perhaps not generally realised that while the weather over the target areas in Germany must be considered it is even more important that the weather over the bases from which our bombers operate should be favourable. Our aircraft, if it is true, can take off and fly through even the worst kind of weather, but they have to get back and land safely. And that is a point which must be considered in the planning of any operation.

On this score the enemy has far less cause for anxiety. His returning bombers have a large choice of landing grounds—from Bordeaux to Norway and far inland—and since their outward journey has usually been a short one they carry enough petrol to take them out of almost any belt of bad landing weather.

The R.A.F., on the other hand, are obliged to work from a much smaller area. Low cloud and fog might be widespread over England. Our bombers, covering perhaps 1,200 miles in one journey, must be able to find their

In a broadcast to Turkey, the German Radio goes even further, and says that "in the Mediterranean, the British Fleet are having great difficulties owing to the increasing pressure of the Italian Fleet."

The effect of all this on the Turks can be judged from an Ankara Radio broadcast last night:—

"Italy has lost not only the Mediterranean but also the Adriatic."

Apart from wild boasts, Axis propagandists are also contradicting themselves and each other about where the main theatre of war really is.

Some Germans and Italians agree that decisive action can be expected in the Mediterranean. The German magazine "Das Reich" and German broadcasts in Czech and German, however, have it that the main thing is the invasion of Britain.

Thus, "Das Reich" has it that "the British threat to Italy is only important as an effort to eliminate her before Germany's new onslaught against England." — Reuter.

bases readily. To send them off in weather which partly obscures or even blacks out these bases is to impose the gravest risk upon both crews and aircraft.

In the daytime the enemy also seemed, until recently, to be indifferent to the weather, for attacks were made on this country regardless of cloud cover. But the result was that the enemy suffered heavily from our anti-aircraft guns and fighters.

We have built up our daylight strategy upon the use of cloud cover. It is common sense and not mere caution which has caused the R.A.F. to take the clouds for its allies. The success of that strategy is now apparent for the enemy, forced to abandon mass onslaught, is now attempting to imitate it. We, with our eye on the weather, have always drawn a line between casualties suffered and damage inflicted. The enemy has been all out for damage—even random damage at that—and was punished accordingly, a point that is well worth remembering when some such phrase as "weather restricted operations" next appears.



Heavy and light forces of the Royal Navy recently carried out a bombardment of the enemy-occupied port of Cherbourg where a concentration of enemy shipping had been detected. Photo shows some of the ships taking part in the bombardment firing. (Copyright, Fox).

NUISANCE VALUE

Extract from a fighter pilot's report:—

"I fired a fairly long burst into a Dornier 17. I fired at an Me.109, fired at another Me.109. I climbed to 25,000 feet and dived into enemy formation. I fired at an Me.109, obviously hitting it hard. I fired another short burst on passing. I was then told to make a nuisance of myself."

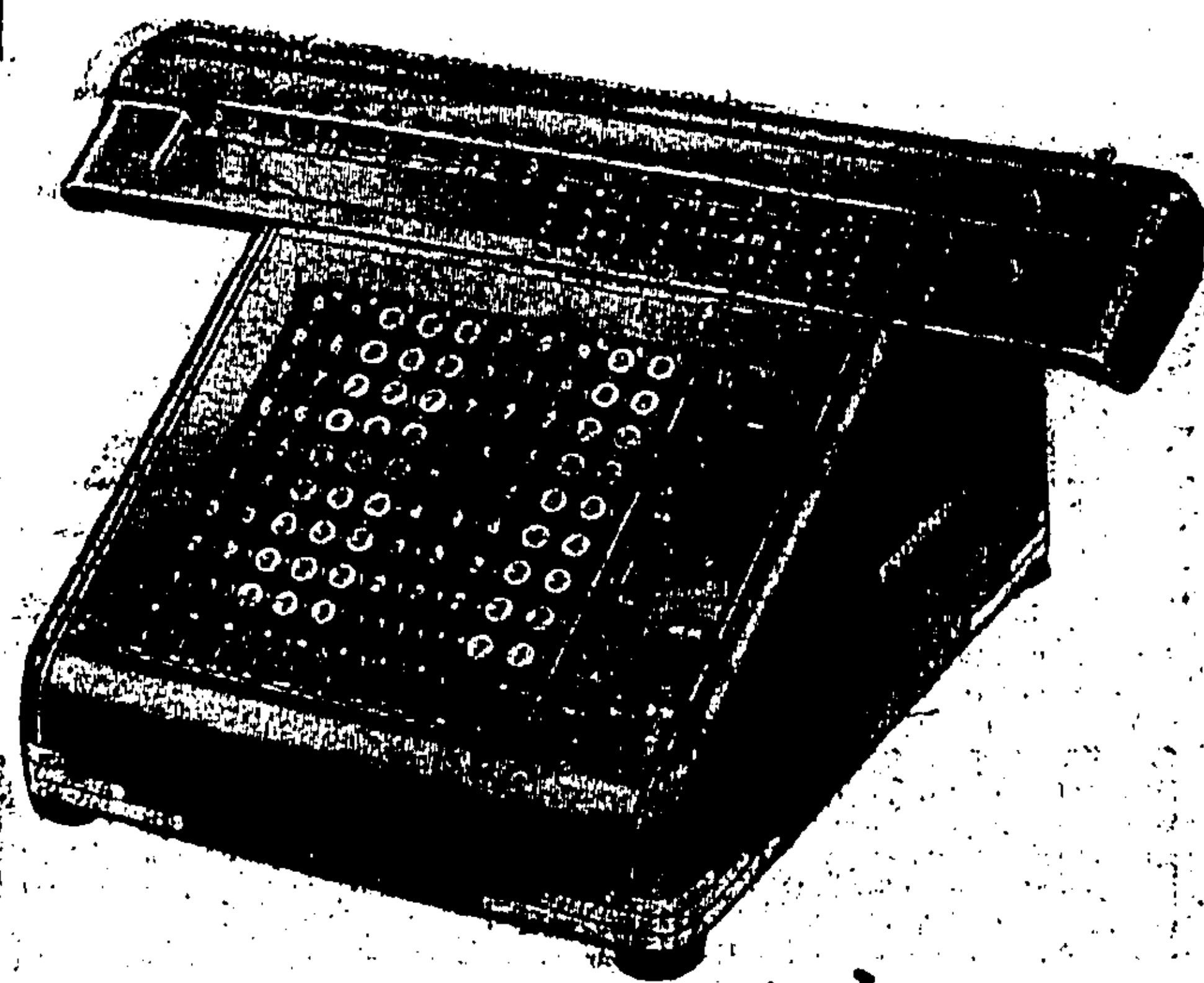
ADMIRAL LEAHY IN FRANCE

READ-ADMIRAL LEAHY, THE NEW U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO VICHY, IS NOW IN FRENCH TERRITORY ON HIS WAY TO VICHY.

Another American diplomat, Mr. Robert Murphy, Counsellor of the U.S. Embassy in Vichy, is reported to have arrived in Casablanca, Morocco, and American news reports from Vichy say that he is expected to see General Nogues, the Resident-General there. — Reuter.

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BLOCKADE EFFECTIVE BUT NET COULD BE DRAWN YET TIGHTER

"THE BLOCKADE is very effective, though I should like the net drawn tighter still," states Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, in a special interview published in the London "Sunday Times" yesterday.

"Germany still has important supply routes — the route through Russia being the most important.

"In order to maintain exports to our enemies, Russia has been importing large quantities of cotton from North and South America, and rubber and some non-ferrous metals from the Far East.

"By this route Germany can get a steady trickle of goods, small in bulk but great in value."

Replying to a suggestion that Spain was a "hole in the blockade," Mr. Dalton said: "I am convinced that less generous treatment might have played into Hitler's hands and deprived Spain of any independence. It is most unlikely that anything significant will be re-exported to Germany."

There was enough food in German-occupied Europe to ensure the inhabitants from not starving.

If Germany was able to import more food for the controlled territories it would strengthen her manpower by enabling her to transfer workers from food production to arms production or to the army.

Vast Accumulation

Mr. Dalton warned against expecting an immediate economic collapse of the Reich, which "has vast accumulations of stocks and a great capacity for improvisation."

A German distribution crisis would come before a production crisis, owing to transport disorganization all over German-occupied Europe.

"Italy has been much more directly hit," added Mr. Dalton. "Perhaps the ineffectiveness of her air force and the immobility of her navy are partly explicable by the unfavourable oil position."

PRIVATE BLITZES

PILOTS OF A COASTAL COMMAND SQUADRON WHO PATROL THE NORTH SEA SOMETIMES RECEIVE PERMISSION TO SEEK OUT AND BOMB MILITARY TARGETS. AFTER COMPLETING THEIR PRIMARY TASK OF RECONNAISSANCE, WARSHIPS, SUPPLY SHIPS AND AERODROMES ARE THE FAVOURITE OBJECTS OF ATTACK, AND IT IS RARE FOR AN AIRCRAFT WITH A ROVING COMMISSION TO RETURN WITHOUT HAVING "HAD A CRACK" AT SOME COG IN GERMANY'S WAR MACHINE.

Such extended trips are known in the squadron as "private blitzes" and are so popular that pilots and crews willingly sacrifice a day off for a chance of a good "blitz". Their C.O. usually has many more applications than he can submit for "higher approval".

The other night two aircraft went off to find trouble after they had completed their reconnaissance patrols. The board in the Operations Room showing their expected time of return bore the added inscription: "But may be up to two hours late owing to private hostilities."

They came back with direct hits on a mine-sweeper and a supply ship and a near-miss on a destroyer to their credit.

EGYPT SPEECH DISQUIET

A public speech in Oxford, in which it was asserted that a British withdrawal from Egypt would not be a major disaster, caused "grave disquiet," according to Mr. Quintin Hogg, Conservative M.P. for Oxford.

The speech, it was stated, was made by Mr. A. J. P. Taylor, a member of the Oxford Information Committee, which was appointed by the Ministry of Information.

Mr. Hogg, in the House of Commons called the attention of the Minister of Information to Mr. Taylor's speech.

Mr. Harold Nicolson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry, said Mr. Taylor was careful to make it clear at the time that he was not speaking as a member of the committee.

"Mr. Taylor is neither a Civil

PROBLEM OF "STINKER"

Stinker, a middle-aged, dignified spaniel, is one of the oldest inhabitants of a Coastal Command station in the eastern counties. He was there in the days of peace, and has seen the station become a busy operational war base. Occasional bombs in the vicinity have only slightly disturbed the even tenor of his way. Often his master, a squadron commander, has to be away for days at a time. Stinker bears the separation with fortitude, but delights in the reunions.

The rationing problem does not bother him. He takes what he is given from the various messes, and if that is insufficient, ekes it out with rabbits or other tit-bits caught by himself around the aerodrome. He sleeps where he fancies—for preference on the hearth of the Officers' Mess.

For some time efforts have been made to enforce the rule that dogs are not allowed in the Officers' Mess. Stinker, when his master is away, pays no more attention to warnings on the notice board than we do to Dr. Goebbels. He has been an inhabitant, if not a member, of the Mess a great deal longer than most of its present occupants, and when he is put out at one door, he comes in by another or by the window, wearing a most reproachful look.

They recently doubled to 5/- the fine on an officer who fails to keep his dog out of the Mess. When his master was last away, Stinker, by his frequent appearances, added about £5 to the ever-increasing bill.

The situation (as they say) is still obscure.

Servant nor in receipt of remuneration from the Government," said Mr. Nicolson "and he therefore enjoys the same rights as any other British subject to express his private opinion."

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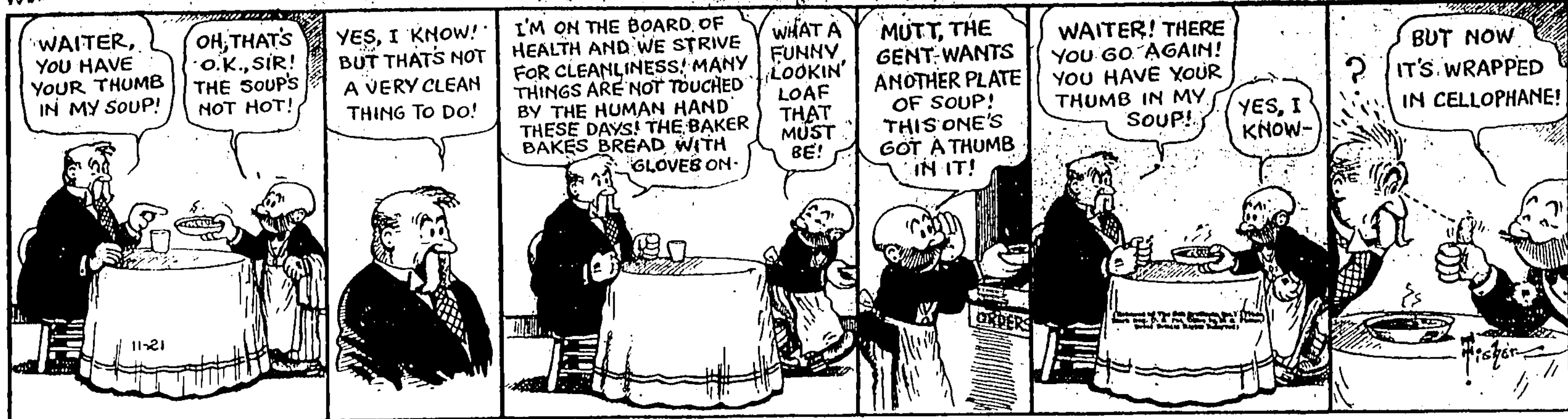
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Nazi Four Motor Bombers

A new sort of German raider has lately made a fleeting appearance over Britain — heavily guarded by escorts of fighters. It has been described as a large, black, 4-motor type, employed as a heavy bomber. Although during its first few visits it had not yet joined the identifiable remains of the hundreds of He's, Me's, Ju's and Do's which have fallen to the guns of Britain's Spitfires and Hurricanes, it bears a strong resemblance to the pre-war Focke-Wulf "Condor."

Designed as a 26-seat civil air liner the Condor is a low-wing cantilever monoplane. Before the war the type was used on the Luft Hansa Berlin-London service. In general lay-out it is somewhat like another big Nazi civil type, the Ju.90, and the famous British D. H. Albatross 4-motor mail carrier. Unlike these two types the Condor has only a single rudder. Its wing span of 108 feet is some

3 feet more than that of the Albatross, and about 4 feet less than that of the giant Short Empire flying boats.

In the Nazi invasions of Scandinavia and the Low Countries, Condors were used for dropping paratroopers, and as troop-carriers. The interior passenger accommodation was stripped to crowd in considerable numbers of troops and equipment.

The civil version of the Condor had four B.M.W. radial engines of about 720 h.p. each, giving it a maximum speed of around 230 m.p.h. The 'ceiling' or maximum height, was roughly 22,000 feet or 13,000 feet on three motors only. A feature is that each engine had its own separate fuel tank. With special fuel tanks the extreme range was just under 1,000 miles. Carrying a normal fuel load the 'pay load' was between 2½ and 3 tons, and the total load carried, including fuel, passengers and equipment, was rather more than 4½ tons.

Compared with about 5 tons load which can be carried at a cruising speed of 230 m.p.h. by the 2-motor He. 111K bomber, a type which has been proved to be well within the capacity of British Fighters, these figures are not impressive. But they have been improved by fitting more powerful engines, with some reduction in range.

DUD BOMBS ON LONDON

CZECH TRICK ON THE NAZIS

London reports that Czechoslovak workers at the great Skoda munitions works apparently have been sabotaging German bombs, with the result that a surprising number of "duds" have fallen on London, were related by the wife of a British naval officer arriving in Boston on the steamship Nova Scotia.

Several passengers said the stories had become common gossip in London but had not been permitted to pass the British censorship.

Mrs. Lillian Birkenhead of Cheshire, wife of a destroyer commander, who came here with her 2-year-old son John, said London had heard "many reports lately about the extent of the apparent sabotage."

"Of course such things are supposed to be official military secrets," she said, "but they have a way of getting out."

"The time bombs that were at first the most feared of all are the ones that have chiefly convinced the experts that there is something wrong and that the Nazis have been tricked."

Mrs. Birkenhead's story was confirmed by a companion, Mrs. Violet Hunt of Birmingham.

NOT SO FRIENDLY

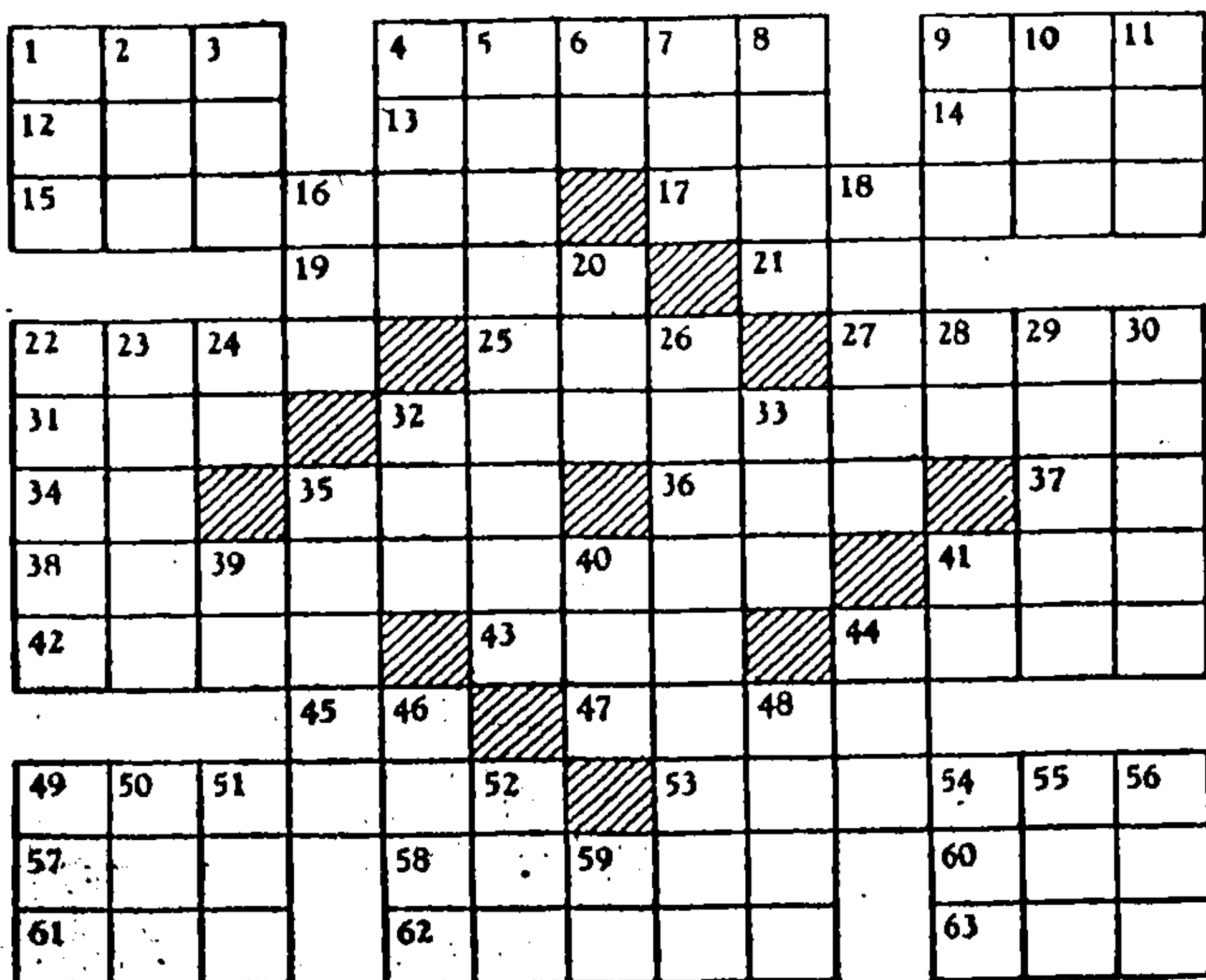
SIGHTING TWO AIRCRAFT WHICH HE TOOK TO BE HURRICANES, A FIGHTER COMMANDER PILOT CLIMBED TO JOIN THEM IN SEARCH OF THE ENEMY. AFTER A CLOSER LOOK HE SAW THAT THEY WERE MESSERSCHMIDTS AND PROMPTLY SHOT ONE OF THEM DOWN.

"I had become separated from the squadron in a private fight with a Messerschmidt 109," the British pilot said afterwards. "I was climbing up again to see what I could see when two aircraft which I thought were Hurricanes passed over me. I climbed up after them, hoping to join up, and discovered that they were Messerschmidts 109."

"As they did not see me, I joined on behind and chased them until within range and opened fire at the rear one."

"After about three seconds there was a red flash and the aircraft caught fire behind the pilot and dived steeply, burning well."

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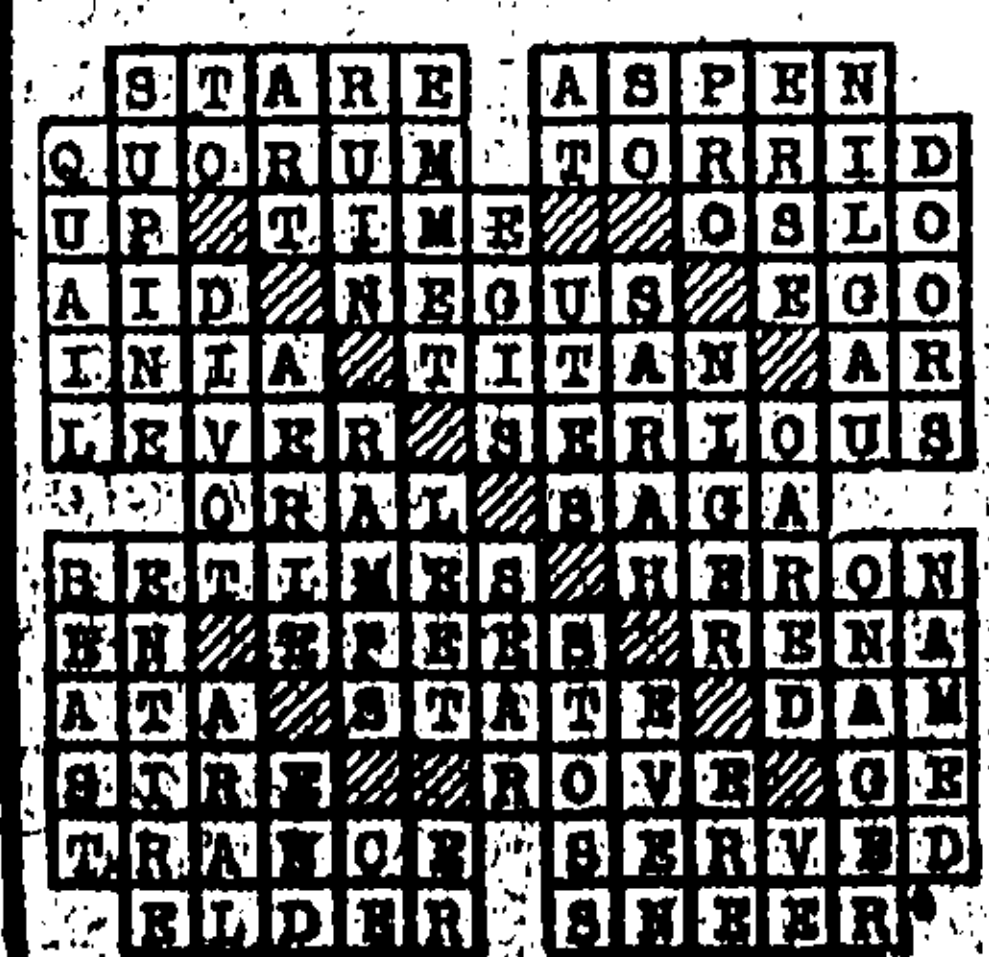
HORIZONTAL

- 1 To soak
- 4 To make suitable
- 9 Earth
- 12 Hall
- 13 Contract
- 14 Crude metal
- 15 Harshened portion of the skin
- 17 To persuade
- 19 Among
- 21 Symbol for tellurium
- 22 To grasp
- 25 Opening
- 27 To construct
- 31 Youth
- 32 Slightly
- 34 Preposition
- 35 Monk
- 36 Negative
- 37 Mixed type
- 38 Unwilling
- 41 Resort
- 42 Twelve months
- 43 Silkworm
- 44 Large snakes
- 45 Conjunction
- 47 Singing voice
- 49 Perfidious
- 53 Christian festival

VERTICAL

- 1 Pouch
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Swordsman's dummy stake
- 4 Mineral salt
- 5 To identify by name
- 6 Molten lava
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- 9 French coin
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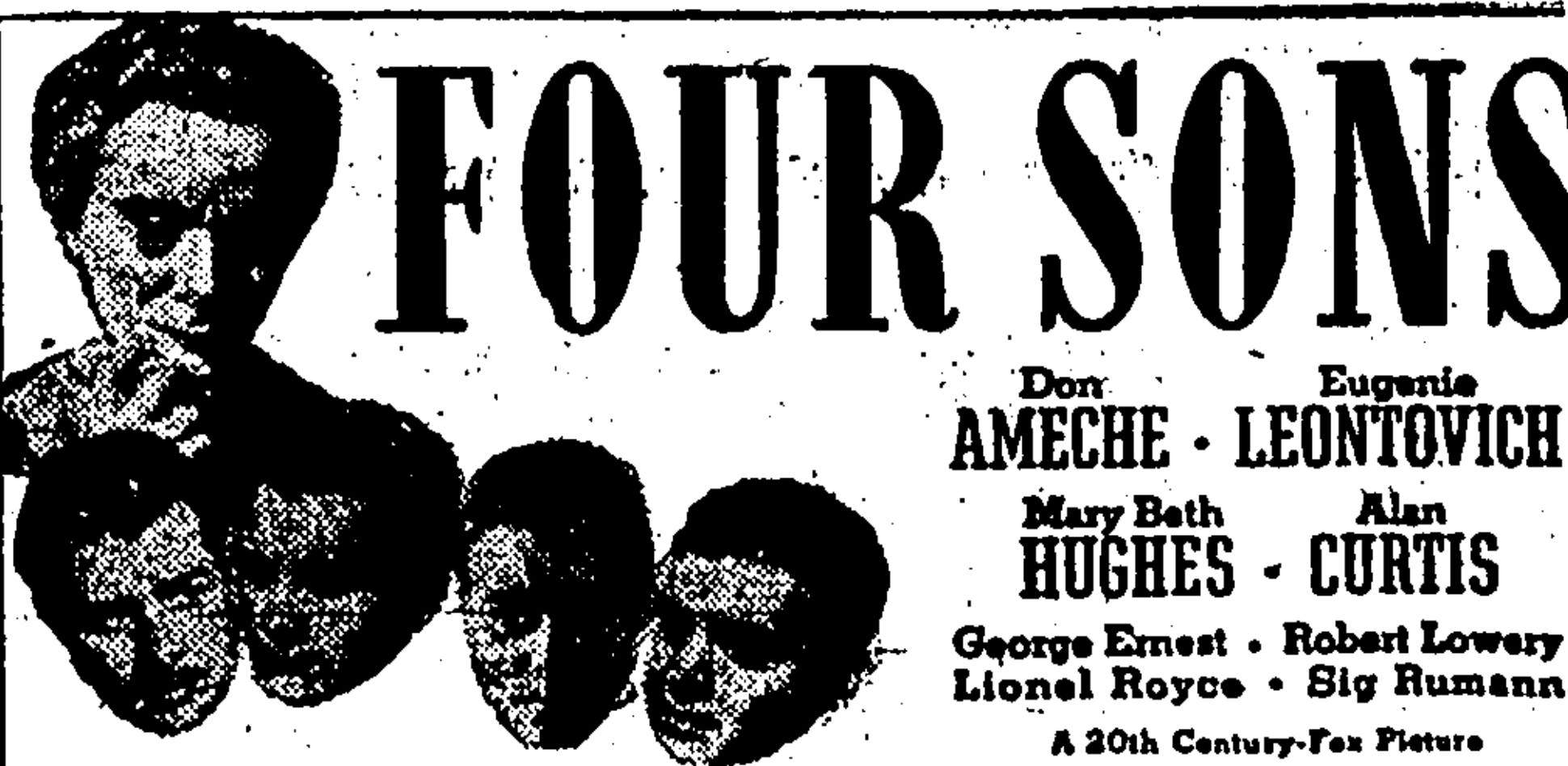
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GIRLS LEAD NIGHT LIFE IN SHELTERS

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

GANGS OF GIRLS WHO SPEND THEIR NIGHTS WITH UNDESIRABLE MEN IN PUBLIC AIR-RAID SHELTERS ARE CREATING NEW PROBLEMS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND SOCIAL WORKERS. ONE GANG, KNOWN AS THE "SHELTER GIRLS," HAS BECOME SUCH A NUISANCE IN LIVERPOOL THAT WOMEN MAGISTRATES AND SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE URGED THE CITY'S WAR EMERGENCY COUNCIL TO ACTION.

An education official told the Juvenile Court there that the girls were between fourteen and nineteen years old, lived at home as little as possible, were generally in the company of undesirable men, and used the shelters as bedrooms.

When I toured shelters during night raids I found social workers making a similar tour.

One of them, Alderman Miss Mabel Fletcher, magistrate and chairman of the Schoolchildren's Care and Attendance Committee, said: "Welfare workers and women's patrols are doing magnificent work, but there are not nearly enough of them."

Some From Good Homes

"They keep careful check of girls reported by parents to be out of control. They spend hours at night searching for the girls and persuading them to go home."

"The war has relieved these girls of personal responsibility. Many from respectable homes are proving as difficult as others."

"They make the raids an excuse not to go home, and spend nights here dancing, singing and keeping awake those who have come to sleep."

Conduct in some of the big shelters is such that respectable people dare not enter.

Even while I was talking to Alderman Fletcher a drunk stumbled over a sleeping child; a factory girl was complaining that her bedding had been stolen; and a grab was made at my handbag; and further unpleasant indignities were attempted.

Children Have A Racket

Small children have a racket more popular than collecting shrapnel. They ask men, chiefly sailors, to give them a penny for two halfpennies. Invariably they are given a penny and told to keep the halfpennies.

I saw one urchin carry a fistful of coppers back to his mother, and a detective told me that some of the kiddies make well over £1 a week.

Mrs. Humphrey Foxell, chief organiser of Birmingham Housewives' Service, said yesterday: "Many young girls prefer the public shelter to the family shelter. Young men are drinking in shelters and we want this stopped too."

"Some women leave their babies at home during raids while they are out drinking or making munitions."

"At one house recently two babies, aged two and five, were found outside the house during a raid while the mother was away."

"We are trying to get a by-law passed to have a curfew for all children under fourteen, unless they are with their parents."

THEY CAN WELD METAL TO GLASS

For years scientists and manufacturers all over the world have sought a means of welding metal to glass. Now it is announced that a method has been perfected by British glass manufacturers at St. Helens, Lancashire.

An official of the firm said: "The process has been made a practical one by combining the use of specially toughened glass and aluminium, and overcoming the technical difficulties of spraying."

"The process is also being used for soldering metal discs on bolts on to glass, and it is possible to attach glass to glass by the same process."

MARLENE IS NO LONGER TOPS FOR LEG APPEAL

Away from the blast, the bombs and the blitz—to sunny Hollywood and Miss Marlene Dietrich's legs.

For years, the owner of that magnificent pair of extremities has topped ballots for No. 1 leg appeal.

She tops it no longer. In a world where such competitions still make headlines, Miss Betty Grable is the new title holder. Has just been voted so after a nation-wide screen poll taken by the Screen Dancers' Guild.

There are, of course, runners-up—Alice Fay, Eleanor Powell, Zorina, Joan Crawford, Hedy Lamarr, Ann Sheridan, Lana Turner, Sonja Henie, Brenda Joyce. But Miss Grable's 8½ in. ankles and 13 in. calves romp home first.

In case you've forgotten how the other half of the world lives, let me remind you that Miss Grable was once the wife of ex-film-prodigy Jackie Coogan, that they hogged columns of space in the newspapers by separating, coming together, separating again, and then divorcing.

IT'S AUTOMATIC

U.S.A. MAKES NEW BOMB RELEASE

An automatic bomb release, which enables the bomber to space each explosive at a pre-determined distance from its neighbour, has been perfected in the laboratories of an important U.S.A. aircraft factory, according to American air circles.

The device would allow a string of bombs to be dropped at regular intervals on the line along which a ship is travelling.

If the first bomb falls accurately on the line, aft of the ship, one or more of the rest is bound to score a direct hit.

If the first bomb is off the line the bomb-aimer can stop the device and try again, or the pilot can adjust his course to improve the aim.

Out Of Range

The bomber could fly at a terrific height, visibility permitting, well out of reach of anti-aircraft fire.

Similar tactics could be used against a factory or other vital target.

A bomber aiding a military advance could likewise decimate a moving column of transport, tanks, or men.

Little can be told about the device. Connected with the air-speed indicator is a dial with which the release can be set to drop the bombs at measured but slow intervals if the bomber is flying slowly; if the machine is flying fast, then the dial can be set to speed up the unloading of a chosen number of bombs.

Once the bomb-aimer sets the device, then the bombs drop automatically—even if he himself has meanwhile been put out of action.

CAPTURED NAZI AIRMAN HAD TEA AND CRIED

TWO GERMAN AIRMEN who baled out when their Heinkel bomber was shot down at Hornchurch, Essex, were later taken prisoner by civilians. One was captured by James White, 63-year-old lodgekeeper at Belhurst Park, Aveley, and the other by Walter Byford, a porter at South Ockendon station.

Byford found his man on the platform when he opened the station, locked him in one of the rooms and telephoned the police.

Lodgekeeper J. White, an old soldier, was returning from his morning rounds when he saw his German, an officer, dressed in overalls, with his feet wrapped in strips of parachute.

"I was just going indoors," he told the "Daily Herald," when I met the man in the drive and asked him where he was going.

Feet Jammed

"He replied, 'Take me prisoner,' and I realised he was a German airman. I saw that he was wounded in one leg and questioned him."

"He had been wounded by a splinter of anti-aircraft shell, which had put his machine out of control. His feet got jammed in the rudder bar and he had to take off his boots before he could bale out."

"I left my wife, who is 65, in charge of him, while I went to telephone for the police."

Mrs. White said: "My husband brought the man in, laid him on the sofa and took away his revolver and ammunition. I got him a cup of tea, and he immediately burst into tears."

"Only A Boy"

"My dog and cat made an awful fuss of him, and as he lay on the sofa crying he patted them both, so that my dog did not want to leave him when the police came to take him away in an ambulance."

"He was only a boy, just about 21, and he seemed so ashamed of himself and seemed overwhelmed because we treated him decently."

The bodies of two other airman were found in the debris of the bomber, which killed a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Birt, and their four-year-old daughter, Joyce, in their Anderson shelter.



LEADERSHIP IN DEMOCRACY

In the series of broadcast talks which he has just published with the title "I Believe in Democracy" the Master of Balliol makes an illuminating comparison between the Nazi system and the methods of the old Ottoman Empire. The Christians in the territories ruled by the Empire were compelled to send a proportion of their male children to Constantinople. These children were kept there as slaves and the most promising of them were trained for administration. Thus the Sultan's chief officials were often slaves drawn from the non-Turkish populations. They were brought up with a strict discipline and no ties of any kind but to their corps and the Sultan. In the same way the pick of the Nazi youth are trained in special schools, renouncing all ties of home and kin, brought up in blind devotion to their leader. "The one thing they are not to have is any thoughts of their own." In both cases the rulers select and train leaders on whose loyalty they can count.

In the totalitarian States there is an all-powerful minority party which has the strength of a strict discipline and governs by suppressing freedom and independent news. In Great Britain the community is composed of a great number of voluntary societies, and there is freedom of discussion. In these talks Dr. Lindsay recalls the important part played by the different protesting religious bodies, Independents and Baptists, in the seventeenth century in giving form and tenacity to democratic ideas, a subject that he discussed in his book "The Essentials of Democracy." It shows again how the challenge of industrialism to democracy produced trade unions, cooperative societies, the Workers' Educational Association, and similar movements. All this is encouraging, for it shows that a democratic society creates its own institutions. But he warns us that the problems of leadership become steadily harder and that the demands made on the spiritual power of a democracy steadily increase. Government today is an extraordinarily delicate and complex machine and our education must be vastly improved if we are to find leaders who are competent to handle and direct it.

The Price Of Security Is Constant Vigilance

Naval war consists in the main of month after month of constant watchfulness and careful monitoring at sea, punctuated by hours and minutes of intense excitement. It is a life that the advent of submarines and aircraft has greatly extended the periods and likelihood of dangerous excitement for all warships and merchant vessels. Hundreds of ships of all types must have been in action with U-boats or aircraft since the war began. Yet many hundreds more have not been in active conflict with either German or Italian ships.

The work of those ships whose names have not figured in official communiqués or honours lists is none the less arduous or important a contribution to the successful prosecution of the war. Patiently, stroke by stroke, and with infinite labour and toil, they are etching in the sombre background of the huge picture which embraces the whole maritime theatre of operation. This applies in particular to a host of vessels from the Merchant Navy and the Fishing Fleets now commissioned as warships and flying the White Ensign.



Recently I have been on board, or at sea, in various ships of what may be called the auxiliary navy. The first was an armed merchant cruiser, a well-known ex-transatlantic liner converted into a warship. Manned largely from the various naval reserves, and with guns mounted, she had been employed in northern waters practically ever since the beginning of the war. How many thousands of miles she may have steamed since the war started I do not pretend to know; but all through the gales, snowstorms, and long, dark nights of the northern winter her normal routine had been eighteen to nineteen days out followed by five days to a week in harbour for refuelling and storing. Her officers and men enjoyed about three days leave every six weeks, and well they deserved it.

That ship presented a strange contrast to the time I was on board her before the war. Her public had been stripped of their panelling and tapestries. Silken hangings and curtains had disappeared from her private suites. The children's play-room had been converted into a shelter for guns' crews in bad weather, and whole ranges of cabins demolished to form messdecks. All the elaborate fripperies had disappeared for the grim purpose of war.

At another port I went on board a boom defence vessel which, with others of her type, has the task of watching the lines of buoyed nets and booms which protect most of Britain's naval and commercial harbours. A small vessel of about 700 tons, she was provided with her own motive power for steaming from place to place. Most of her time, however, she spent stationary on the boom, using her winches to open the "gate" to admit traffic, closing in again after the shipping had passed.

Apart from that, she had the job of laying and maintaining the heavy anchors, buoys and a regular cat's cradle of nets and wire hawsers. It was no sinecure in the fierce tides and blowing weather which usually prevailed; no joke at all when buoys and barrels broke adrift in the midst of a pitch-black squally night and had to be rescued.



When they were new to the game steamers unacquainted with the neighbourhood sometimes came charging through the boom at midnight, to wrap fathoms of wire hawser round their propeller and to find themselves hitched up by the stern. Vituperation flowed through megaphones, one indignant tramp skipper demanding "What's this blinkin' boom doing here?" except that his language was more impolite than that. The boom defence officer retorted with interest. Portions of his boom had been sadly mangled. He would have to make good the damage.

The men of that little ship were a hard-bitten lot, some belonging

to the various naval reserves, and the others paroled for the war. The boom officer was a lieutenant who had earned the Distinguished Service Cross in the last war; the skipper was an ex-trawlerman, and the engineer had served for many years on a railway in India. Retiring and settling in the neighbourhood, he had offered his services in any capacity on the outbreak of war. Could he run an ordinary locomotive boiler and push-and-pull engines, the naval authorities asked him. The engineer answered in the affirmative, wondering what stupid question they would ask him next. Had he any friends who might

By
"Taffrail",

also like to volunteer? There were three others like him, the engineer said, all anxious to do their bit. All four enrolled, and the Navy has never regretted it.

At another port I saw several of the private yachts taken over by the Navy for patrol and anti-submarine purposes. One of these was commanded by a Captain of the Royal Naval Reserve whom I had last seen in command of a famous Atlantic liner. The liner's tonnage was something over 45,000 and her length more than 800 feet. The length of the yacht was little more than that of a cricket pitch—86 feet—and her tonnage round about 100.



I went to sea minesweeping in a paddle steamer belonging to a railway company which used to take crowds of excursionists to the local beauty spots and watering places. Transformed into a man-of-war she had a complement of fifty officers and men, a gun or two, and the usual mine-sweep, with all its paraphernalia of winches, and floats, and fathom upon

fathom of wire. The torpedo-shaped floats with their red and green flags towed on either quarter and indicating the trend of the sweep-wires beneath and between them and the ship had their names painted upon them—"Joan" and "Pat." I was told that the mine-sweeping personnel had the privilege of taking turns in christening them, so the names changed fairly frequently. Once they had been "Rose" and "Gertie," which like Joan and Pat, were young ladies living in the neighbourhood of the base.

The captain of that ship was a Royal Naval Reserve officer who had commanded a cargo steamer in peacetime. His navigator and three engineers had been in the service of the company before the war. Of the three Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve lieutenants, the peace-time occupation of one was as an authority on the preservation of buildings and the ravages of the death-watch beetle; another was a chartered accountant, and the third was in a well-known bank. The midshipman, sent there for training, would have been at University but for the war.

The professions of the ship's company were even more varied than those of the officers. There was a sprinkling of active service petty officers and ratings, a leading seaman from the Royal Yacht "Victoria and Albert," and some prisoners, reservists and others enrolled "for the duration." They included a postman, a bricklayer, several deep-sea trawlermen, a boiler-maker, rivetter, boat-maker, and a dockyard labourer. The telegraphist was a surveyor in civil life, and the signalman an insurance agent.



I watched the officers and men at their work, streaming the sweeps, going through an ordinary day's routine, and then getting them in again preparatory to returning to harbour. There was no

fuss or bother. Everything went off without a hitch. The ship's company might all have been born to the sea and working together for years instead of only for months.

The average number of days a month spent at sea by that little ship was round about twenty-three, in which period she covers about 1,794 miles. This means that in a year of war she will have done 21,528 miles. That is slightly more than seven times the distance from Liverpool to New York, and represents a lot of hard work when one reflects that minesweeping is not done at very high speed.

Two trawlers in which I also went to sea on patrol had also done much arduous service since the war began. The skippers of both were Scots fishermen. The group officer in one was a retired Lieutenant-Commander, R.N., whose peace-time employment is with the Mersey Dock and Harbour Board, while the other was a Lieutenant-Commander, R.N.R., who had left the sea before the war and was qualifying as a doctor when recalled for service afloat.

The bulk of the crew was made up by fishermen, but among them were a metropolitan policeman, a paperhanger, an entertainer and conjuror, a waiter, a stock-broker's clerk, an employee in a furniture and upholstery business, and a man from the British Broadcasting Corporation's engineering staff serving as a wireless operator—and a very good operator indeed, I was told by his commanding officer.

The war-time Navy, with its manifold tasks and functions, has need of all these men, and of the ships in which they serve. They are all doing arduous service in the face of no little risk and danger. As the First Lord of the Admiralty said, in a speech on August 7, "The price of security is constant vigilance, and the price of the free way of life is even greater vigilance backed by unremitting effort."

How Hitler Has Copied Moscow

In early 1939, Sir Paul Dukes, K.B.E., went to Czechoslovakia via Germany on a special mission and search for a prominent Czech, Alfred Obry, who was missing, and whose London friends were prepared to pay the Gestapo for his release.

Sir Paul found Alfred Obry, or at least his remains, buried under another name, and the startling events leading up to this grim discovery are related by Sir Paul in his book, "An Epic of the Gestapo."

The author's dealings with the dreaded Gestapo in Berlin and Prague, their attacks of Anglophobia and the desire of their victims to get to England are all recorded.

His views on Hitler, and especially the Communist Pact, make most interesting reading at this juncture. Sir Paul was in Germany at the time of the agreement signed by Germany and Russia, and dealing with the many phases of agreement between Nazism and Communism, he writes:—

"It had taken us by surprise only in its suddenness and scope, following upon years of vitriolic abuse and the Fuehrer's reiterated declaration that any form of alliance with Russia must inevitably spell doom for Germany. But was the agreement itself after all so unnatural? I had been studying the resemblance between the Nazi and Bolshevik administrations, and there was plenty of ground for mutual understanding if rivalry was set aside.

"The Communist dictatorship of Moscow is the prototype of all totalitarian dictatorships and upon it in greater or lesser extent all subsequent totalitarian regimes, but particularly that of the Nazis, have been modelled.

"One of the most remarkable things about Adolf Hitler is that he has produced little or nothing that is truly original.

Press and propaganda apparatus of both regimes is identical in character. Goebbels, indeed, might have been a faithful disciple of the Jewish founder of the Comintern, Zinoviev-Apfelbaum. Those acquainted with the style of oratory and argumentation of both Goebbels and Zinoviev cannot but have been struck by their marked resemblance, even in terminology, illustration and the talent for inventing cheap jibes.

"True, in 1936, Stalin shot his erstwhile friend and comrade Zinoviev-Apfelbaum, together with many other associates of long standing who refused to toe the zig-zag Stalin line. But Hitler likewise has liquidated no small number of his closest friends who ventured to oppose him in word or deed.

"In the economic sphere, the Nazi system of far-reaching and ever-increasing Government control of imports and exports, of production and distribution of private banking accounts, and of prices of the commonest things such as household repairs and automobile parts, approximated even in peace-time more and more closely to the system prevailing in Russia.

"True, Hitler has never officially abolished private property, nor Stalin officially recognised it. But wide deviation from theory on both sides brought them close together, and under war conditions there is little to distinguish them in practice.

"Under both regimes education is run on similar principles. It is calculated primarily to prevent the youthful mind from unblinking any but official doctrines. Essential subjects such as history, literature and geography are all given a strong political bias. Disident teachers and professors are ruthlessly persecuted, and in-

struction and 'culture' are made to serve first and foremost Party ends.

"The system of 'election' and popular 'representation' are closely alike. No candidates may be put forward other than those approved by the dominant party, and the voters may only vote affirmatively or abstain.

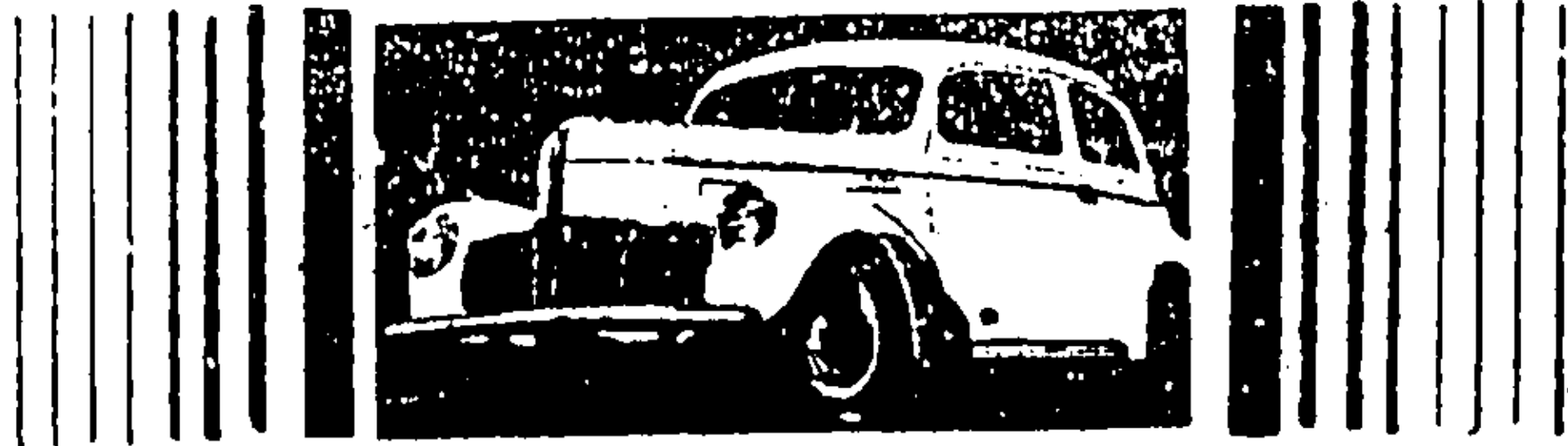
"In consequence, Nazi and Bolshevik 'parliaments' resemble each other in nature and function, being devoid of any truly representative character. The Reichstag and the Soviet Union Council are merely audiences convened occasionally to listen to and 'ratify' the decisions already taken and acted upon by Hitler and Stalin. These bodies are not even endowed with consultative powers.

"The attitude of both dictators towards religion is similar. Hitler's hatred of Christianity derives from the race of its founder. Stalin's from the militant-atheist nature of Marxist doctrine. By different paths they arrive on common ground, and it is not surprising to find them there proclaiming a common detestation of the democratic principles of liberty and political and social rights which are the ideal of western civilisation.

"Where Nazi Germany and Bolshevik Russia must eventually come into conflict," sums up Sir Paul Dukes, "is in the contradiction between the hypernationalistic ideals of Hitler and the neo-imperialistic and ultimately world-revolutionary aims of Stalin. Here clash is inevitable. But meanwhile, with slight accommodation on both sides for opportunistic purposes, they may, even though jealously watching each other's moves, travel far together in their common hatred of democracy and Christendom."

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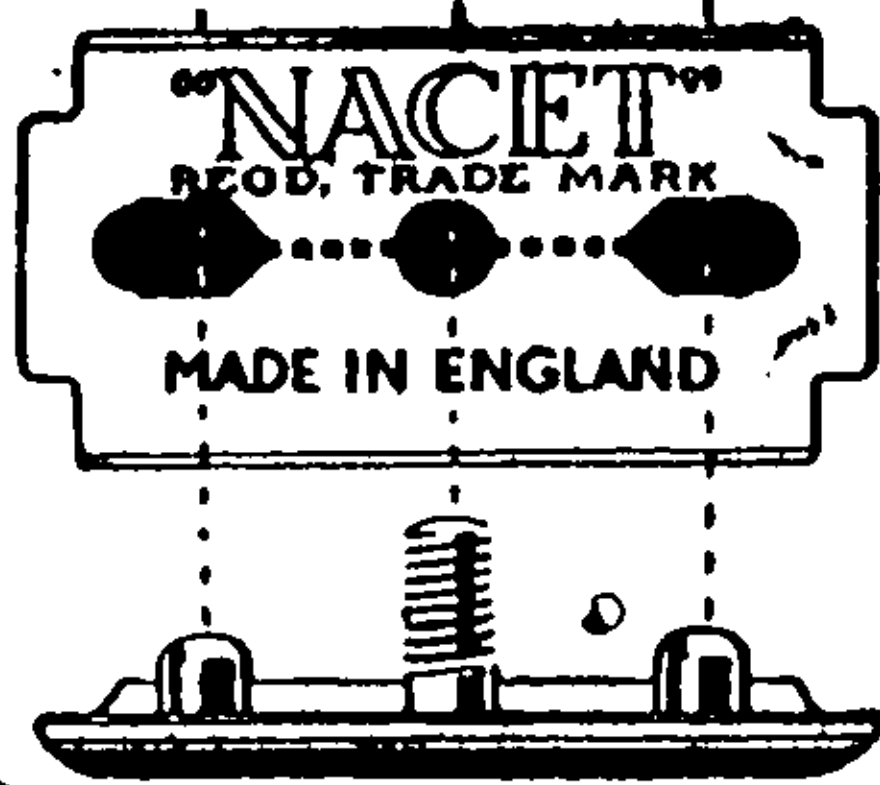


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BOMBS DROP ON SLEEPERS IN LONDON CRYPT

TWIN BROTHERS AND THEIR SISTER, ALL THREE DEAF AND DUMB, WERE AMONG 400 PEOPLE WHO WERE SHELTERING IN A CRYPT UNDER A LONDON CHURCH WHEN IT WAS HIT BY TWO HIGH EXPLOSIVES. SEVERAL WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE KILLED AND SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE WERE INJURED.

While others in the gloom of the crypt were able to call to each other to tell relatives and friends whether they were injured, the twins and their sister, unable to communicate by hand signs in the darkness, flashed torches to show where they were.

The brothers, Harry and Charles Vinall, told their experiences later to their workmates.

"The brothers are so alike that I can't tell the difference between them after working with them for twelve years," said Mr. C. Nix.

Whole Family Missing

"They say they were asleep in deck-chairs when the bombs fell and that the shock was terrific."

The bombs dropped when most of the people in the crypt were sleeping and brought down piles of masonry on to the sleepers.

The whole of one family are missing.

Four of another family were also feared to be among the dead but were afterwards found in hospital injured.

A policeman in the crypt was killed and a warden was seriously injured.

The rector, who is also a warden was cycling past the church when the bombs struck the building.

He 'phoned at once for aid and then helped in the rescue work.

Two young men—S. Liptrott, aged twenty and Ronald Wedderburn, aged seventeen, who were slightly injured, said: "There was no panic in the crypt. All those able to walk marched out without assistance."

"We had a dance last night in a little hall underneath the church, and we were all very merry and the girls were dressed in their dance frocks."

We hadn't long settled down when the first bomb dropped.

Trapped 6 Hours

A piano was flung about 8ft. away from where I was resting and fell on another man, but we were able to get him out uninjured."

About 100 people were in the shelter at the time of the explosion.

A boy of fifteen was trapped in the shelter for six hours, heavy slabs of concrete pinning him down.

A doctor administered morphine, and the boy continually spoke to his rescuers and asked them for cigarettes and water.

A London hospital was also attacked during the raid.

Two high-explosive bombs

fell a few yards from one of the wards of the hospital, but they did not interfere with surgeons and nurses in the operating theatres.

"We were operating right throughout the night," said the medical superintendent.

There were no casualties, although there were patients and staff in the ward when doors and windows were blown in and plaster fell round the beds.

London and the Midlands were the main Nazi objectives during the raid, which cost the enemy two warplanes.

Both were destroyed by anti-aircraft gunfire. One was shot down at Wimborne, Dorset, the other over the Firth of Forth.

DANCER'S DEATH MYSTERY

Police Considering
Foul Play

Sir Bernard Spilsbury went to Brighton after being summoned by Det.-Supt. Pelling, Chief of Brighton C.I.D., to help to solve the mystery of the death of Mrs. Jack Buckley, the dancer.

After a long conference with Sir Bernard and with Mrs. Buckley's son, who is in the Air Force, Supt. Pelling said:

"We must now definitely entertain the theory of foul play. There are many difficult features in the case, the most puzzling of which is the nature of Mrs. Buckley's injuries. Everything now depends on Sir Bernard's report. It is doubtful whether we will have the report before Monday."

Examination Of Window

Mrs. Buckley lived in a block of modern flats in Western Road, where she conducted a dancing academy and club, and Sir Bernard spent a considerable time examining a window from which she is believed to have fallen to the ground below. He then went to the borough mortuary, where he conducted a post mortem examination.

Mrs. Buckley was to have been remarried to Mr. Bryan MacCusworth, an Air Ministry inspector, Beechwood Avenue, Brighton. He was in Birmingham at the time of the tragedy during the week-end. Shortly before her death Mrs. Buckley had given a party at her dance club in celebration of her coming wedding. She disappeared from the party shortly before midnight. When a search was made she was found dead beneath an open window of the building.

R.A.F. TAKE PIGEONS OVER GERMANY

Six thousand pigeons are at the service of the R.A.F. for bombing raids over Germany.

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An official of the Air Ministry said: "These birds have proved their worth in this war, just as in the last."

"They are taken over every night Germany is raided."

NAZIS SEIZED IN GREENLAND RAID

FROM THE FROZEN east coast of Greenland comes news of Germany's first attempt to penetrate the Western Hemisphere — an attempt to seize five vitally important meteorological stations.

It failed because the fifty members of the expedition, although fully armed with rifles, grenades and machine-guns, surrendered immediately their ship was sighted by a Norwegian patrol ship, the Frithjof Nansen, amid the pack ice.

Manned By Norwegians

The expedition ship was manned by a Norwegian crew, but the seamen did not know their destination.

Reports sent out by the five stations are extensively used by Britain and Germany in connection with aerial activity along the Norwegian west coast; they also play a big part in navigation in the Atlantic and the North Sea.

After the occupation of Denmark and Norway the Germans had doubts about the exactitude of reports given to them by Greenland stations, which were manned by Norwegians and Danes.

At the beginning of the autumn the Germans decided to send out

the expedition, which included many meteorological experts. They started from Alesund, on the Norwegian west coast.

Through Ice

The expedition had to risk detection by British ships and planes patrolling the North Sea, and the ship had to pass through pack-ice in order to arrive at the Eskimo colony of Scoresbysund.

The ship carried necessary equipment to establish two complete meteorological stations, as the Germans were afraid that the Norwegian and Danish meteorologists, seeing themselves being attacked, might destroy their own stations.

The orders to the Germans were to put all the five stations under their control.

They succeeded in crossing the pack-ice, then their luck turned.

The Norwegian patrol ship which sighted them became their temporary prison. They were disarmed and taken to the nearest port occupied by British forces.

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Secretary.

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♠ Q 10 6 4

♥ K 10 9 6

♦ 7 5 4

♣ 9 3

♠ J 10

♥ 7 2

♦ A Q J 9 8

♣ Q 8 7 4

♠ A K 8 6

♥ Q 5 4

♦ K 8

♣ A K 10 5

The bidding:

South West North East

1♣ 1♦ Pass Pass

1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass

1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass

4♠ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the seven of hearts, a lead which spared South

a guess in the play of that suit.

Dummy played the nine, and East took

the heart Ace and returned the ten

of diamonds, South covering with the

King. West took the diamond Ace

and continued the suit, and South gained the lead

by trumping the third diamond.

At this point, South had to win

the rest of the tricks. To draw

three rounds of trumps would

leave dummy with only one

trump for a club ruff. That

would oblige South to lose a club

at the end, so South wisely de-

ecided to make sure of his club

ruffs before drawing trumps.

The first step was to lead the

eight of spades to dummy's

Queen, after which a club return

allowed South to cash his Ace

and King. He next ruffed a low

club with one of dummy's low

trumps and returned the other

low trump to the trump Ace in

his own hand. Since that drop-

ped West's Jack of spades, South

could safely lead his last club,

ruffing with dummy's ten of

trumps. The heart Queen gave

South the lead to draw the last

trump; and dummy's heart King

won the last trick, netting South

a well-earned game.

Saturday you were Oswald

Jacoby's partner and, with both

sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ 9 4

♥ K 8 6

♦ A Q J 7 5

♣ K J 3

The bidding:

You Maler Jacoby Burnstone

1♦ Pass 1♥ 1♠

1♦ Pass 2♥ Pass

(7)

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

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RECRUITING BY COUNTIES

There is a new departure in recruiting for the Royal Air Force this week.

To save men the trouble of going to a Combined Recruiting Centre, recruiting officers are visiting a number of the smaller towns in the various counties. The days on which the recruiting officers can be seen locally are announced by means of posters, advertisements in the newspapers, and lantern slides in the cinemas.

Some cinema proprietors are giving special shows of R.A.F. films. The local mayors are also cooperating wholeheartedly.

Such drives are to be organised locally from each of the 60 Combined Recruiting Centres throughout the country.

ANSWER: Pass. Your hand is very close to a minimum opening bid, and a pass at this point will show that fact. Your partner will still have another chance to bid, so there is no reason for you to bid now unless you wish to show strength.

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Question No. 606

To-day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

You Maler Jacoby Burnstone

1♦ Pass 1♥ 1♠

Pass Pass 2♥ Pass

(7)

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

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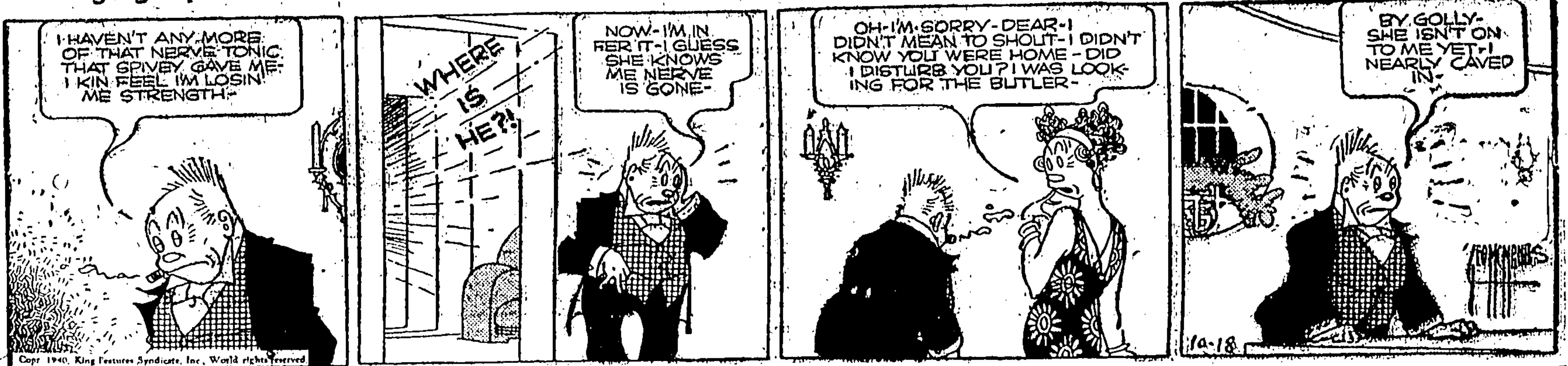
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Young Girl Cosmetics

GOOD grooming habits should be acquired at an early age. The young girl should learn to care for her skin, her hair, her body. But many mothers have been in a dilemma regarding beauty aids which were appropriate and efficacious for grooming youth. And not until recently has this problem been given the consideration due by leading cosmetologists.

Now many "young" cosmetics are making their bow so the adolescent has a choice of beauty aids, the formulas of which are milder than the cosmetics mother uses, but potent enough to do a good job in preserving, encouraging, or enhancing skin and hair beauty.

One of the most reliable cosmetic firms, for instance, has presented to the young world an ensemble of cosmetic and fragrance accessories to answer the desire of blushing debs to be gay, dainty and a bit alluring!

There is an excellent face powder beautifully blended in three youthful shades, three lipsticks appropriate for young lips—a soft pastel rose, a clear schoolgirl red, a flame for evening sophistication. For an all-weather protection there is a lip pomade. And irresistible to the adolescent who is just beginning to feel she is a woman is a bevy of bath luxuries, heavenly scented by the same perfume which inspired the entire line. Any parent would approve of the quality of these tempting cosmetics.

Parents Should Cooperate

The parent who looks scornfully on beauty aids for the young should realize that they are a great incentive to personal respect. A young girl who takes pride in keeping herself as lovely as



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possible develops a discrimination which is a great asset.

To prove this point, let me tell you that most of the advanced in-

stitutions for delinquent girls have installed beauty courses in an attempt to nourish self-respect in the inmates. Directors are convinced that a girl with a proper amount of normal vanity is morally stronger than the girl who is indifferent to personal grooming.

Your young darling will obtain cosmetics in one way or another so why not help her to use those which will not harm her young beauty. Make-up, particularly, should be supervised as the harsher, deeper, strident colours which are considered smart for women have no place on a pert young face.

and tends to correct the spreading of any acne condition.

It is good to remember that you do not have to be too gentle in your skin care. In fact it is excellent to exercise the pores by deep finger massage on clean skin, scrubbings with especially designed complexion brushes, and hot and cold water splashing. Your face pores need exercising and if you do not go through a body exercising programme every day, you must resort to facial massage to tone up facial muscles.

For Very Sensitive Skins

If you are convinced that your skin cannot stand brushings with soap, there is a new cream which lathers like soap when rubbed into your skin. It is free from alkali and non-irritating, and we are told by the firm which presents it, it may be used with either hard or soft water. No soap is required, simply a rinsing after a massage with the cream. It too, does a nice job of deep pore-cleansing.

Skin Care During Winter

SOME girls and women harbour the impression that soap and water washing should be discontinued once the cold weather sets in. This is, of course, silly. Your skin requires soap and water cleansing the year 'round and the thermometer has little to do with it—but when you wash your face and how you wash it has a great deal to do with preserving a healthy, glowing, young-looking complexion.

One should not wash one's face with warm or hot water and soap and go out immediately afterward in cold weather. The warm water opens the pores and the quick change of temperature from indoors to outdoors will, of course, chap the skin. But if you give your skin a good dousing with chilled water, after the soap washing, the pores will be normally closed and a light protective film of cream will prevent your face from chapping.

Make certain that your soap is bland and pure. Poor soap can

cause more complexion disasters than almost anything.

Brush And Soap Companions

If you are in doubt about selecting a complexion soap do take a look at two which come with companion brushes. One soap is a creamy liquid and comes in a tube. This you squirt onto the soft complexion brush after it has been moistened with warm water. Then you scrub your moistened skin, assured that the soap you are using is bland, effective and absolutely non-irritating unless you happen to possess a skin which is so sensitive that anything you use irritates it.

Another complexion set consists of a soap containing an estimated fifteen per cent. of sulphur (which long has been regarded as a skin beautifier), and a small brush with a handle. Through a modern colloidalisation this soap is made possible and it forms a luscious, creamy lather when brushed onto moistened skin with the companion brush. In fact, boys who suffer from an acne condition, might also use this sulphur lather for shaving, as it gives the pores a deep-cleansing

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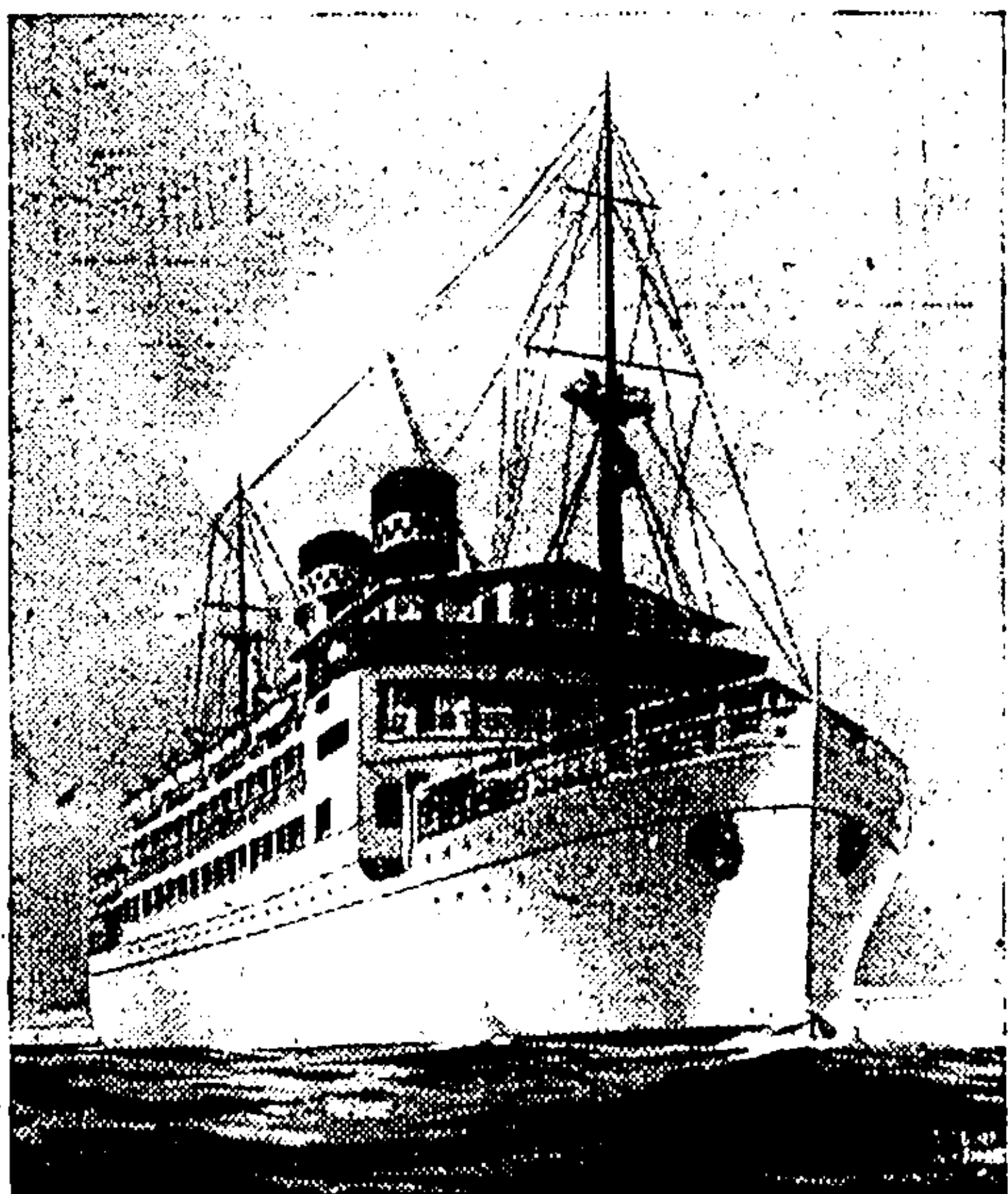
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12.40 p.m.—London Piano-Accordeon Band.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Norman Allin (Bass) and Debroy Somers Band.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—A Programme with Ina Souez (Soprano), Joseph Sziget (Tenor), and Ricardo Vines (Piano).
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
7.30 p.m.—Vocal Selections from Grand Opera.
7.47 p.m.—Violin Solos by Joseph Sziget.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report, and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—Columbia Concert Orchestra.
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By "Referee"

Giving their best display this season and playing as a team Royal Navy dealt a serious blow to Sing Tao's First Division Championship hopes at Causeway Bay yesterday when they won by the odd goal in three after leading at the interval by the one goal.

Sing Tao played as well as usual but Navy, as the result of several judicious promotions and positional changes, were full value for their win and on no occasion were they outplayed.

Navy played typical cup-tie football, featured by hard first time tackling in defence and swift and well conceived moves for the hottest path to goal in attack.

It was true that Robinson had more to do in Navy's goal than Cheung Wing-choy but Sing Tao's attack was often in danger of falling as the result of the clever movements of the Navy forwards, particularly LePage and Phippens.

Navy functioned as a team and it is rather hard to believe that most of the players have not played together before.

It would be invidious to single any Navy player for special mention as all did their share and did it well.

None was found wanting and this result has greatly boosted Navy's chances for the Shield competition.

Robinson Again

Robinson has been mentioned so often for his displays in goal that any further reference to his play yesterday would be superfluous but it must be stated that he was given excellent support by Roughley and O'Regan.

The latter was particularly brilliant with his tackling and the manner in which he cleared his lines under Chinese pressure, and if Navy has lost a forward—for O'Regan has been playing in the attack for some time—they have undoubtedly found a great back and one who is a greater asset to the team in defence than in attack.

His partner, Roughley was never far behind him in brilliance. The two covered their halves in excellent manner so that the fast Chinese forwards rarely had a real opportunity to worry Robinson.

Robinson, Roughley and O'Regan would do credit to any Interport team.

It was, however, the Navy intermediate-line that broke Sing Tao's spirit of attack. All three players came in for their share of glory. Britt at left-half had such a tight grip on Tang Kwong-sum



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that this speedy winger sent over few good centres and these were far between. Britt's display was featured by quick tackling which completely upset any forward against him and his hard kicking often cleared his lines when these were threatened.

Hazard, recently promoted from the juniors, gave an excellent exhibition of centre-half play.

He subdued the speedy Kwong Yin-kee, worried the wily Fung King-cheong and unceremoniously bundled Lai Shui-wing off the ball when necessary. His play so upset the Sing Tao inside trio that they were not able to settle down to their usual games.

Honeywell Masters Yeung

The evergreen Honeywell was in every way Yeung Shui-yick's master. Tip-tap methods were of no avail against him and he often had the better of this winger. Added to this he sent numerous good passes to Phippens on the right wing.

Apart from scoring both goals for his side, LePage played the best game he has done in the Colony for a long time. He was the Fung King-cheong of the Navy attack. Showing good ball control at all times he passed to the best purpose and kept Phippens and many well supplied with passes.

Phippens on the right-wing was prominent in the second half with several good centres, while Hendy in the centre-forward berth was always a danger. He required continual watching and played an unselfish and good game. Barber, his inside-left, and Hawkins, on the left wing, were also good. Both had had luck to handle the ball when well placed after well-planned moves.

Nothing contributed more to Sing Tao's defeat than Navy's direct methods and first time tackling.

Cheung Wing-choy brought off several good saves from high balls but in the second half Navy were content to send the ball along the ground and chance matters.

Lee Ting-sang was safe in his clearances but Phippens was not hasty in his centring and often drew him out of position. Hau Yung-sang was good in his first time clearances and Soong Ling-sing was the outstanding player in the intermediate-line. Luk Tat-hang is not ripe for senior football. He did a lot of useful work but was not up to standard in his feeding. Chui Ah-fai has seen better days and was often outplayed and out-paced.

Stars At Disadvantage

Fung King-cheong was again the brains of the Sing Tao attack but he found that some physical attributes were necessary against Navy and for that matter so did Lai Shui-wing, who was never able to manoeuvre for a shooting position. Kwok Ying-kee's dash and speed were of no avail against Roughley and O'Regan and he was seldom dangerous.

Both wingers were too well marked to be of real danger.

In the first half Sing Tao had bad luck when Fung hit the crossbar and shortly after Lai Shui-wing did the same. LePage scored for Navy with a good cross shot and 10 minutes after the interval the same player increased the lead with a well placed shot. Lai Shui-wing scored for Sing Tao.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

R. Navy 2 Sing Tao 1
Kwong Wah 3 R. Scots 2

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah 0 Engineers 2
R. Scots 6 Police 1
Service Corps 1 R. Navy 1

THIRD DIVISION

A.S.A. 0 Air Force 8

SCOTS DO WELL AGAINST KWONG WAH

By "Sportshawk"

Fielding a team chiefly composed of players who represented Scotland against China in the "Sunday Herald" Charity match which they won by 6 goals to 5 Royal Scots yesterday, at Boundary Street, fully extended Kwong Wah in First Division of the Football League.

The match resulted in a narrow win for the Chinese by the odd goal in five, after two goals were shared at the end of the first half. Bankier, the Scots' goalie, was very safe, while Fraser distinguished himself at left-back.

Munro played a good game in the half-back line, in which Falchober also was impressive.

The attack was best served by Hossack, the Colony Interporter who was always dangerous in the Chinese circle, while Walker and Fleming assisted the Interporter to a great extent.

Lee Shines

For the Chinese Lee Kwok-kee was undoubtedly the best player. He gave numerous good shots attempted by the Scots, in addition a penalty kick taken by Hossack.

Chung Fai-lam was the best of the Chinese backs. Cheung Shu-fai, the pivot, distributed well but neglected his spoiling, while Wong King-chung was a speedy left-winger and worked very hard in the attack, in which Chin Chi-fan and Lau Fok-tsun were also outstanding.

Kwong Wah drew first blood through Wong King-chung about 10 minutes after the start, but Walker equalised from a corner kick from Clark.

Mid-field play was the feature for the great part of the second half. Tin Yung-fat gave the Chinese the lead about 15 minutes from the end.

Shortly after, the Scots were awarded a penalty kick which was, however, saved by Lee.

Aud put the Scots on level terms soon after, but Lau Fok-tsun scored the deciding goal for the Chinese about five minutes from the end.

KWONG WAH—Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Fai-lam and Leung Pak-wai; Cheung Shu-fai, Chung Kam-fai and Yeung Chi-cheung; Cheuk Shek-kei; Tin Yung-fat, Chin Chi-fan, Lau Fok-tsun and Wong King-chung.

ROYAL SCOTS—Bankier; Naysmith and Fraser; Munro, Falconer and Clark; Garrie, Hossack, Ald, Fleming and Walker.

COULD HAVE BEEN GREAT SPRINTER

Bob Zupke, member of the Red Orange club, could have been one of the world's greatest sprinters if he had concentrated on track. He clocked him in 10 seconds flat for the 100, says the club's coach, "and he was running in street clothes. I'm a conservative timer, too."

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

Cricket

The Junior Cricket League started on Saturday with a programme of three matches. The Champions, Police Recreation Club, were badly beaten by their neighbours, Craigengower Cricket Club, while Kowloon Cricket Club had a convincing win over Indian Recreation Club. Civil Service did very well to get Recreation out for 60, Stone doing the "hat-trick", but their batting let them down badly and they in their turn were skittled out for a miserable 40.

Best batting feat of the afternoon was Griffiths' 74 for Club against Craigengower, while bowling honours were fairly evenly divided.

BATTING

R. H. Griffiths 74
E. Zimmern 69
J. Fenton 68
E. A. Lee 58
K. M. Baxter 47
A. M. Rodrigues 31
J. A. Soares 31

BOWLING

A. M. Omar 5 for 20
R. Baldwin 5 for 21
S. Mahmood 5 for 23
W. S. Gegg 5 for 27
G. Stone 5 for 30
E. L. Gosano 5 for 45
M. Remedios 4 for 7
P. M. N. da Silva 4 for 16
D. McFarlan 4 for 22
O. V. Cheung 4 for 34
J. Hulse 4 for 42

Football

Ordnance provided the surprise on Saturday by beating South China juniors by the odd goal in three. In the same division Middlesex were trounced by 7 goals to 2 by Sing Tao.

Kowloon fully extended Eastern in First Division at Chatham Road and after having most of the play in the second half lost 5-3.

LEADING LEAGUE GOAL-SCORERS

Following are the leading goal scorers in the three divisions of the Football League.

First Division

Hendy (Navy) 17
Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) 16
Hau Ching-to (Eastern) 15
Lee Wal-tong (S. China) 15
V. K. Hyul (Eastern) 14
Chan Tak-fai (S. China) 13
Kwok Yih-ki (Sing Tao) 12
Howlett (Police) 10
Fowler (Club) 9
Cheuk Shek-kam (K. Wah) 9
Hossack (R. Scots) 9
Blake (Kowloon) 8
Saw (Middlesex) 8

Second Division

Fox (R.E.s.) 26
Jennings (Middlesex) 24
Lee Wal-lam (R.E.s.) 24
Auld (R. Scots) 22
Li Tse-ho (S. China) 16
Sadler (R.A.S.C.) 14
Martin (R.A.S.C.) 14
Clark (R.A.S.C.) 13
Chan Cheung-yin (S. China) 13
Pattam (R.E.s.) 12
Wong Chi-chung (Sing Tao) 12
Morgan (R.A.S.C.) 10
Roult (30th R.A.) 9

Third Division

Jones (R.E.s.) 18
Brackenbury (Signals) 13
Swans (24th R.A.) 12
Whitmore (36th R.A.) 11
Roche (12th R.A.) 10
Brydon (36th R.A.) 10
Wainfield (R.A.F.) 13
Kilham (24th R.A.) 9
Bundy (Signals) 9
Rocha (Interp'l) 8
Bartlett (R.A.F.) 8
Tley (Interp'l) 8
Jones (36th R.A.) 7
Cross (20th R.A.) 7

Rugby

Club completed their Quadrangular fixtures on Saturday and secured the runners-up position when they beat Army by 5-3. The game was not played in the best of spirit and the referee had to caution some players. Club "A" beat Middlesex in a friendly game by 14 points to 9.

ERNIE ZIMMERN SCORES 64

UNIVERSITY, WHO HAVE BEEN SHOWING SIGNS OF A BIG CRICKET REVIVAL THIS YEAR, FURTHER DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES YESTERDAY, WHEN THEY HAD THEIR FAIR SHARE OF A DRAWN GAME WITH THEIR PAST STUDENTS IN THE ANNUAL MATCH.

Scoring was high, the Past being only one run short of their second century for the loss of 7 wickets, and the undergraduates replying with 166 for 8.

Past started off well, Anderson and Hung, the K.C.C. opening pair, adding 30 for the first wicket; Anderson and Rumjahn 42 for the second, and 90 runs were on the board for the loss of only three wickets. Two further wickets then fell without addition but there the undergraduates' run of success ended.

Ernie Zimmern, who topped the 60 mark on Saturday for Craigengower against Club, was again in great form with the bat and, in association with his brother Francis, he added 67 for the sixth wicket to enable a declaration to be made at 199 for 7. Ernie was at the wickets for 75 minutes and hit 11 fours in his 64 scored out of 107.

Consistent Batting

University lost Matthews with their score at 16 but thereafter consistent batting enabled them to get within 33 of their opponents' total with two wickets in hand. Francis Zimmern and Anderson bowled fairly effectively for Past but Ozorio, the Recreation opening bowler, was hit for 72 runs in 17 overs, while taking two wickets. His first eight overs yielded only 23 runs but later he was badly punished.

PAST
D. J. N. Anderson, b Gegg 38
D. Hung, b Gegg 15
A. H. Rumjahn, b Mahmood 22
J. L. Youngsaye, b N. Singh 3
E. Zimmern, b Mahmood 64
F. I. Zimmern, c Mahmood, b Gegg 0
F. R. Zimmern, c Mahmood, b Vanar 29
G. Hong Choy, not out 7
P. M. N. da Silva, not out 1
Extras (B6, LB5, NB4) 15

Total (for 7 wickets, dec.) 199
C. W. Lam, G. Abraham and H. L. Ozorio did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Mahmood 17 4 67 4
Gegg 14 2 59 3
N. Singh 7 1 29 1
S. A. Vanar 2 0 29 1
Mahmood bowled four no-balls.

UNIVERSITY
K. Y. Tam, c Hung, b Anderson 14
C. N. Matthews, b Ozorio 3
L. T. Ride, c Youngsaye, b Ozorio 30
W. S. Gegg, b Anderson 12
K. S. Oh, run out 26
J. Fenton, not out 37
N. Singh, c Lam, b F. R. Zimmern 7
T. T. Chin, b F. R. Zimmern 9
K. Lo, b F. R. Zimmern 0
N. C. Sen Gupta, not out 1
Extras (B18, LB9) 27

Total (for 8 wickets) 166
S. Mahmood and S. A. Vanar did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
F. R. Zimmern 9 2 23 3
Ozorio 17 4 72 2
Lam 2 1 10 0
Anderson 6 1 14 2
Silva 3 0 11 0
Hong Choy 2 0 9 0

Miss Alice Marble Leaves Amateur Ranks With No Regrets

Thrilled At New Opportunities Now Open

To Continue Her Musical Education

THE WOMEN'S National tennis sky missed its brightest star, but a new light of hope shone in the eyes of tournament entrants who for years have found their paths to the championship blocked by the tall figure of Alice Marble, writes a New York correspondent.

The blonde Californian, 27 years old, announced that she had turned professional, that she would play her first match in Madison Square Garden Jan. 6, and that she would receive a minimum guarantee of \$25,000 plus a percentage of the receipts for a four and one-half month tour under the direction of Jack Harris of Chicago.

Harris said the itinerary of the tour has not been arranged, but there was a possibility the second match would be in Chicago.

Budge And Tilden

Miss Marble's partners on the tour will be Don Budge, Bill Tilden, and a still unnamed woman player. Harris said he is negotiating with a well-known amateur player who is awaiting permission of her parents before accepting his offer.

It was reported the player in question is Ruth Mary Hardwick, English Wightman Cup star.

Winner of 23 National championships here and abroad, undefeated since meeting Helen Jacobs at Wimbledon in 1938, Miss Marble leaves the amateur field with no regrets.

"My heart was set on being a tennis champion," she said. "Amateur tennis has given me all it can, and I wouldn't play another season."

I am really thrilled, as for the first time in my life I will have the time and the money to do the things I've always wanted to do."

Many Avocations

The "things" include continuing her musical education and doing something in radio. She already includes dress designing and lecture work among her many avocations.

Miss Marble's championships include the U.S. singles titles in 1936, '38, '39 and '40, and the singles crown at Wimbledon in 1939. She is particularly proud of winning the National mixed doubles championship four times with four different partners.

ARMY MISS CHANCES

By "Scrum-Half"

Army, the most disappointing team in this season's Quadrangular Rugby Tournament, lost to Club on Saturday by a kick, the score being 5 points to 3 after they had been in arrears at the interval.

As in the match against Navy, the threequarters were given many opportunities, as the result of Ford's fine hooking, but poor handling and passing held them up rather than the defensive abilities of Club.

Club, who can consider themselves fortunate to have won, were well served by Thompson, Charter, Kennedy, Needham, Macrae, and Thomas, while Army's more prominent players were Coombes, the man of the match, Millar, Duke, Ford, Pinkerton and Gilliam.

Next Saturday Army play their final fixture, when they meet Police, the only side they have beaten, and a week on Wednesday the Tournament will be concluded when the unbeaten Navy team meet Police at Causeway Bay.

HOCKEY RESULTS

Following are yesterday's hockey results—

Royal Eng-n- cer	1	Khalsa	3
A. N. Other XI	3	Police "B"	4
Gunboats	0	C.B.A.	6
Destroyers	0	Police "A"	4
Signa's	2	5th A.A. "A"	0

SOFTBALL RESULTS

GIRLS

Canuckettes 27, Las Florinhas 1.
Wildcats 11, Panthers 2.
Wahoos 13, Ramblerettes 4.

MEN

First Division

Cyclones 8, Indians 12.
H.K. Baseballers 6, Recreio
Aces 3.
St. Joseph's 8, Chinese Base-
ballers 4.

Second Division

Chung Hwa 6, Recreio Bees 0.
Royal Air Force 18, Cosmopoli-
tans 16.
South China 14, Royal Scots 0.

INTER-HONG

Texaco 7, Cables 4.

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TASK OF AMERICAN CONGRESS

The American press was much concerned yesterday with the weighty decisions now to be made by the new Congress.

President Roosevelt's message to Congress will be delivered today, and it is expected he will outline his new proposal for helping Britain and defending the United States.

Congress leaders expect a proposal for the creation of a new Federal Corporation to handle the President's plans.

A large amount of capital will be necessary.

The general plea of the American press is that Congress should establish unity of action and abandon political partisanship.

It is not expected, however, that Congress will be a mere docile instrument agreeing with all the President's suggestions.

There will be a vigorous discussion over domestic and foreign policy, but it is not thought that opposition to President Roosevelt will be strong enough to defeat his measures, although it may delay them. — Reuter.

HOLD-UP ON N.W. FRONTIER

Fifty armed hostiles held up a Bannu-bound passenger bus yesterday and kidnapped four, two of whom were released later.

The others, including a pensioner subedar, were taken across the border, says a Reuter despatch from Peshawar.

Intense Cold Hampers Operations

LAST-MINUTE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY THE ITALIANS TO STEM THE GREEK DRIVE ON ELBASAN WHILE REMNANTS OF THE DUCE'S CRACK TROOPS FORTIFY THE ROUTE TO ELBASAN FROM THE MAIN PORT OF DURAZZO.

The Italian left flank is still not far from Podgradetz, while the intense cold, bitter winds, and the nightmare of frostbite make a rapid advance impossible.

Larger supplies of proper boots and equipment are urgently required by the Greeks whose morale, despite the tremendous hardships, remains unconquerable.

At certain places in the front line, far from the nearest point which motorised transport, and even mules, can reach, heavy artillery must be dragged up by hand. — Reuter.

VICHY POLITICS

BROADCASTS FROM UNOCCUPIED FRANCE HAVE AS YET MADE NO MENTION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A TRIUMVIRATE — CONSISTING OF ADMIRAL DARLAN, GENERAL HUNTZIGER AND M. FLANDIN — TO RULE FRANCE UNDER MARSHAL PETAIN.

A German-controlled Havas despatch denies the appointment of the triumvirate, but this, too, has not been broadcast from Vichy. — Reuter.

R.A.F. Attacks Targets At Elbasan

A highly successful raid on road junctions and other military objectives at Elbasan by British bombers on Saturday was reported by R.A.F. Headquarters in Athens yesterday.

All bombs fell on the town and a number of fires were started.

Elbasan is now the most important and vital Italian inland base in central Albania.

The Greek fighting north of Podgradetz where, according to latest available information, further Greek local progress was made on Saturday, is aimed at threatening Elbasan from the east, while Greek pressure on the coastal sector and Tepelini and Klisura threatens the town from the south-west approach.

Direct Hits

Photographs taken over Elbasan show that many direct hits were made on buildings and a number of fires started.

A reconnaissance flight over Tripoli on January 1 proved that during the raid on the previous night, when shipping in the harbour was attacked, one motor vessel of 10,000 tons, which was anchored in mid-harbour, was sunk.

Numerous reconnaissance flights were carried out on all fronts.

From all operations all aircraft returned with the exception of one fighter in the Western Desert. — Reuter.

BARDIA CAPITULATES ENTIRE GARRISON SURRENDERS

(Continued from Page 1)

Severe Blow

The spokesman also emphasised that the capture of Bardia—first Italian township to fall—is another severe blow to Italian prestige, while the capture of 15,000 prisoners, with the promise of more to come, means that Graziani's army, destined for the invasion of Egypt, no longer exists.

In fact, it has been disposed of in less than a month.

Meanwhile, a detachment of Marines of the Free French Forces succeeded in cutting the road between Bardia and Tobruk, announces the press service of Free France in London.

West Of Bardia

It adds that at the time of this success this detachment was patrolling west of positions still held by the Italians.

In the Sudan, the announcement adds, detachments of Spahis had various encounters with enemy patrols which were rapidly scattered and left behind several dead. — Reuter.

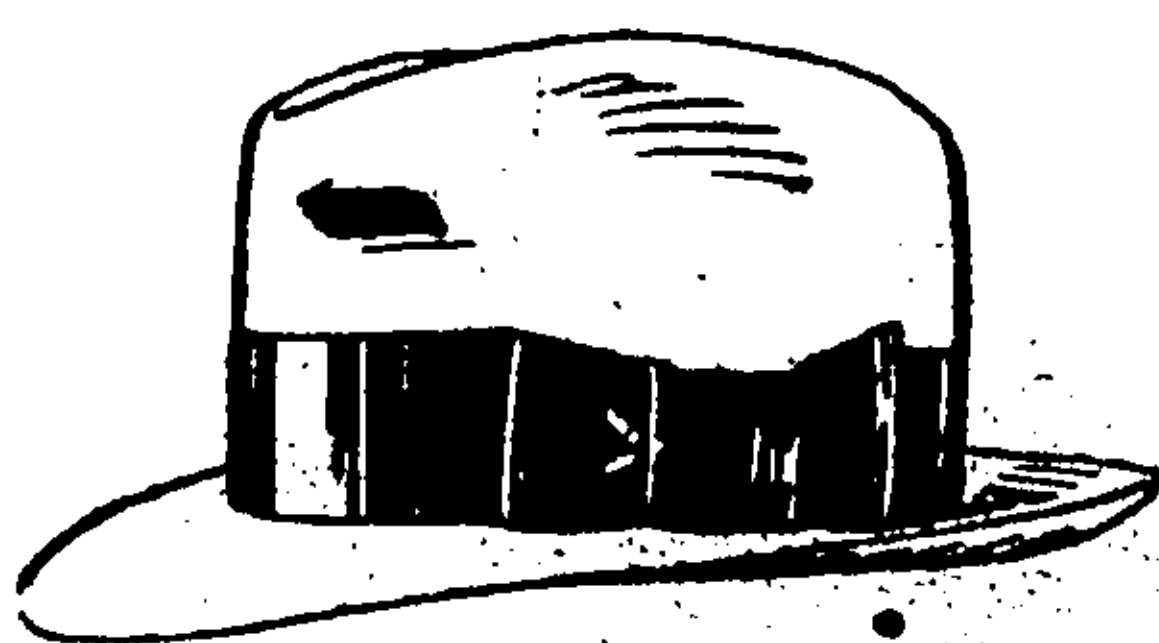
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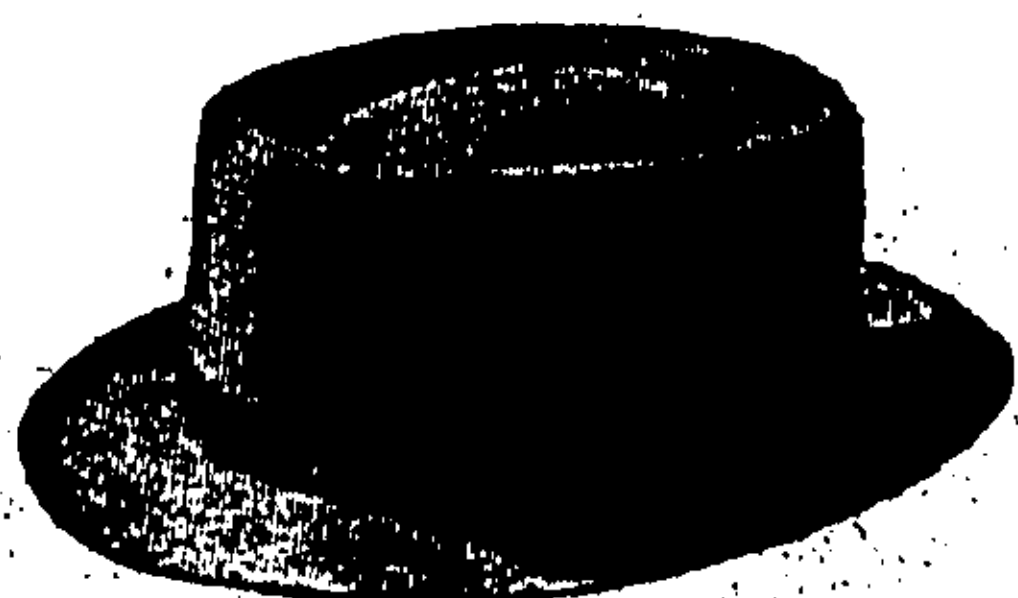


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GROWING UNREST IN RUMANIA

The internal position of Rumania is rapidly worsening and the administration is scarcely able to maintain control, according to information from the Bulgarian-Rumanian frontier received in Sofia yesterday.

A large number of alleged Communists have been arrested and it is rumoured that many will be shot.

Iron Guard malcontents are reported to be openly demonstrating against the presence of German troops in Rumania.

The Germans are said to be assisting the authorities to keep order at present.

Cost of living is rising rapidly and there is much speculation in food.

Reports add that most of the fresh German troops are directed to the Soviet frontier and to Danube ports, with certain units along the Yugoslav frontier. — Reuter.

DANGEROUS GAME, SAYS "ASAHI"

"There is no more dangerous game for America to play," declared the Tokyo "Asahi Shimbun" yesterday in an attack on President Roosevelt's policy of more aid to Britain.

"Who can guarantee America won't join in the war ultimately?" continues the paper, which considers that President Roosevelt has already made up his mind—otherwise a man of his importance would not have made such bold remarks.

Claiming that Germany and Italy have never extended or thrust totalitarianism on America, the paper concludes that the friction is due solely to America's unnecessary and offensive interference with the construction of a new order in East Asia. — Reuter.

HEIR FOR NAWAB OF PATAUDI

A son and heir was born in Bhopal yesterday to the cricketer, the Nawab of Pataudi, who is a son-in-law of the Nawab of Bhopal, says Reuter.

CALCUTTA LABOUR WAR RALLY

A big rally of industrial workers in Calcutta yesterday passed a resolution expressing solidarity with the British workers' fight against Fascism and called on the Indian masses to stand shoulder to shoulder with British workers to victory. — Reuter.

LONDON WATCHERS DEFEAT THE FIRE RAIDERS

AN ENEMY RAIDER attacked East Anglia in daylight yesterday and dropped a few bombs which did a small amount of damage and injured a few people.

Elsewhere in East Anglia machine-gun attacks by single raiders were reported.

VICHY ANNOYS NAZIS

The Wilhelmstrasse is very dissatisfied with the resignation of Paul Baudoin, Chief of the Prime Minister's Office in the Vichy Government, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich newspaper "La Suisse" yesterday.

The correspondent says his departure is regarded as a sign of very great divergencies of opinion within the Vichy Government and the existence of a group of Ministers who are sabotaging Franco-German collaboration. Although the Wilhelmstrasse

Iron Ring Round Fortress Smashed Within 36 Hours

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY THAT THE WHOLE OF THE ITALIAN FORCES OCCUPYING THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF BARDIA'S DEFENCES WERE FORCED TO SURRENDER ON SATURDAY NIGHT; THE TOTAL PRISONERS NOW EXCEEDS 15,000.

The Southern sector had surrendered earlier and the last remaining pockets of resistance were mopped up by Australian infantry shortly before 6 o'clock on Saturday evening.

The Italian flag was hauled down from the mast over Government House and resistance ceased.

Thus, in 36 hours, the Australian infantry, fighting in perfect cooperation with British mechanised units, R.A.F. fighter-bombers and big ships of the Royal Navy, smashed the iron ring round this much-vaunted stronghold.

The capture of 15,000 prisoners, officially announced yesterday afternoon, left little doubt as to the outcome of the battle.

The military spokesman has pointed out how greatly eased Britain's maintenance problem will become with the capture of Bardia.

Use of the port will save the long overland journey from Mersa Matruh and Port Sollum which, until a few days ago, was under shell-fire from Bardia.

The Bardia water supply is also believed to be better than any available at Mersa Matruh, Sidi Barrani, Bug Bug or Sollum.

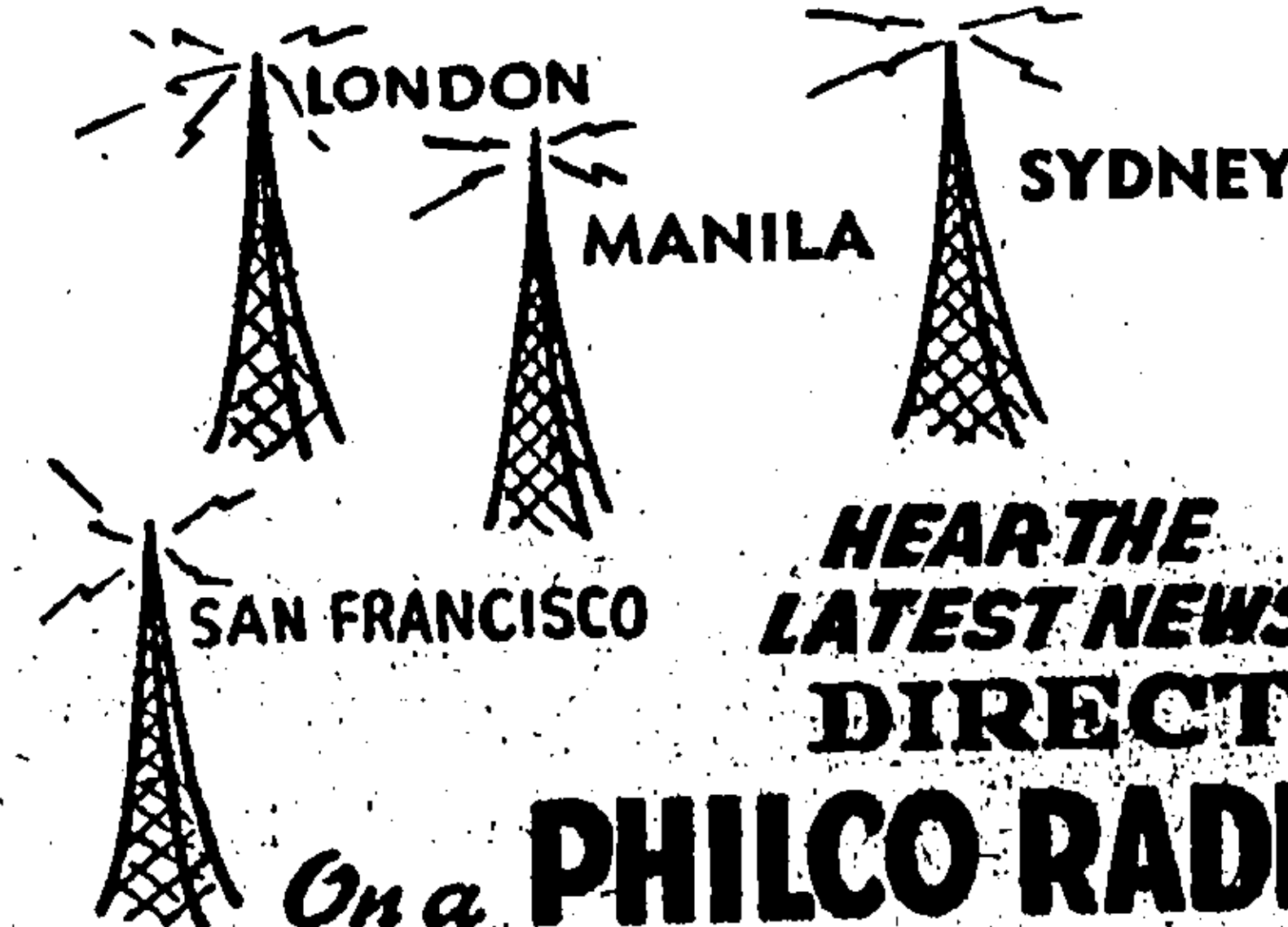
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ITALIAN AIR BASES ATTACKED

ITALIAN AERODROMES IN EASTERN LIBYA WERE SUBJECTED TO INCESSANT BOMBARDMENT DURING THE NIGHT OF FRIDAY/SATURDAY AND THROUGHOUT SATURDAY, STATES A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FROM R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST HEADQUARTERS, IN CAIRO.

During two encounters with the Italian air force three CR 42's were shot down in flames and one other destroyed.

British losses were one fighter in the Western Desert. — Reuter.



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One plane dived to open fire on cattle in a field but the animals escaped unhurt. The alert was sounded after dusk in London last evening.

Gunfire was heard, and baskets of incendiary bombs were dropped in one district. Heavy anti-aircraft fire greeted these early raiders. Fire-watchers scored a signal success during the Luftwaffe's visit to London last night.

Not One Fire

When three successive waves of raiders dropped hundreds of incendiary bombs in one district, fire watchers acted with such promptness that not a single bomb was alight long enough to cause a fire.

Enemy planes were also reported from Liverpool, from a town in the East Midlands and towns in north-west and north-east England. — Reuter.

says German patience is at an end the correspondent adds that no sensational events are expected immediately. — Reuter.

AUSSIES WORK TO TIME-TABLE

Go Through Defences Of Bardia Like Express Train

Carry Everything Before Them

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at British Headquarters in the Western Desert)

THE AUSTRALIANS, BACKED UP BY BRITISH ARMoured FORCES, DASHED THROUGH BARDIA LIKE AN EXPRESS TRAIN; THEY CARRIED OUT PERFECTLY TO TIME-TABLE THE OPERATIONS PLANNED BY THEIR COMMANDERS.

ITALY WARNED OF NEW BLOW

More than a hint that things are not going too well around Bardia for the Fascists was made in a broadcast over Rome Radio late yesterday afternoon by Signor Ansaldo, Mussolini's "No. 2 mouth-piece."

"To-day's communique states that the battle of Bardia continues," said Signor Ansaldo.

"Is it still continuing while we are speaking?"

"It is possible that in spite of the loss of these outposts our men are still holding the enemy."

"It is also possible that our men have been forced to yield to the enormous concentration of men and material Wavell has massed on the Cyrenaica front. Efforts to minimise enemy successes we do not like."

"If Bardia falls, it will be a new British success — local, if you like — but still a considerable one and a sad piece of news for us." — Reuter.

"Source Of Pride"

Ansaldo was preparing the Italian public for news of the fall of Bardia.

The German news agency quotes him as saying: "Whatever the fate of Bardia may be, at whatever hour it may fall, the heroic deeds of her defenders call for the thanks of all Italians."

He added that the defence of Bardia by General Berganzoli for 20 days was a source of pride to Italy.

Bardia, he continued, was not a fortress, it was merely equipped with entrenchments, and that the Italians held out was due solely to their heroism.

Ansaldo stated that the military results of the defence were clearly recognised. It had stopped the English offensive and given Italian troops in Libya time to rally. — Reuter.

PREMIER'S THANKS

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL HAS SENT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIER ON THE "MAGNIFICENT MANNER IN WHICH THE AUSTRALIAN OFFENSIVE AGAINST BARDIA HAS OPENED."

Mr. Churchill adds: "The piercing of the western sector and the capture of at least 5,000 prisoners in itself constitutes a fine feat of arms and is, I trust and believe, the prelude to even greater success." — Reuter.

CRICKET IN INDIA

Led by the Maharajah of Patiala, the Viceroy's XI (302 and 380 for 7) beat the Bengal Governor's XI, led by C. K. Nayudu (364 and 123) in a match in aid of war funds at Calcutta yesterday. — Reuter.

The time-table was prepared at advanced headquarters near the Libyan frontier. Each stage of the attack was worked out in the minutest detail and all were carried out in accordance with the most optimistic hopes.

During the past fortnight guns, ammunition, water and petrol have been streaming up to the front, and then for two nights and one day a thorough plastering of the port by the Navy and R.A.F. prepared the way for a land attack at dawn on Friday.

At the crack of dawn the Australians, protected by tanks, went in on the western side of the perimeter of Bardia's defences, roughly opposite the port, spread out south-eastwards and attacked the defenders from the rear and flank.

A day and a half of fighting sufficed to mop up the entire southern half of the defences, except for a clump in the extreme south-east corner where the terrain is rocky and intersected with small ravines, in which some of the defenders were taking refuge.

The speed of these operations was astonishing but even more astonishing is the fact that the same period has been sufficient to clean up the northern half of the defences.

Not A Barrier

One deep ravine, named Waddi Gerfan, cuts almost clear across the circle of defences westwards from Bardia, forming a natural barrier against tanks, but it was no barrier to the Australians.

They simply charged across it, pouring bullets from their guns. Despite the courage and dash with which the Australians carried out the action it is understood that their casualties were not heavy.

In addition to 15,000 prisoners the British are now in possession of almost all the guns, with which Bardia was defended, together with stores and ammunition.

Main Forward Base

As the town is cleaned up it is probable that other stores will be found, because the port was Graziani's main forward base for the Egyptian-Libyan frontier.

The problem of what to do with the thousands of prisoners is much easier for the British authorities to solve now than last time, for an organisation has been established behind the lines to enable prisoners to be rapidly dealt with.

The problem is also made more simple by the willingness of the majority of the Italians to be captured.

The more northern half of the defences of Bardia is believed to include a number of Italians who already participated in the retreat from Fort Capuzzo and Sidi Barrani.

These men are understood to have been disheartened by their experiences and immediately surrendered when the Australians were sighted at Bardia.

THE AUSSIE COMMANDER

Major-General Mackay, who commands the division of Australians, part of which undertook the operations resulting in the surrender of 15,000 Italians in the Bardia area, is headmaster of Cranbrook School, Sydney.

He was in command of the Fourth Battalion of Australian Infantry from 1916 to 1918 and the First Infantry Brigade from

ITALIAN ARMY'S PROBLEM

Italian soldiers captured by the Greeks frequently break into songs which are loudly cheered by their comrades.

The special correspondent of the Athens newspaper "Ehtnos" makes this statement in the course of an article when he discusses the question whether or not Italian soldiers can fight.

His conclusion is that Italian soldiers can fight but that the present war simply does not inspire them.

He says that officers who gained their rank prior to the advent of Fascism are profoundly distressed at the reverses suffered by the Italian arms and consider Fascism responsible for their humiliations.

Faith Lacking

The younger officers, imbued with the fanatic spirit of Fascism, do their best but without success to prevent captured rankers from expressing their views.

Reserve officers with whom the correspondent spoke expressed views similar to those of the ordinary soldiers.

"Generally speaking," the correspondent concludes, "faith and élan appear to be qualities completely lacking among Italian officers and men." — Reuter.

FRENCH MISSION BOMBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A FRENCH MISSIONARY CHURCH IN KUNMING WAS AMONG THE MANY BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY JAPANESE BOMBERS YESTERDAY.

A fleet of nine bombers escorted by some fighters reached Kunming at 11.30 a.m. and were kept high by Chinese A.A. batteries.

The bombs were dropped in the north-east part of the city, resulting in buildings being demolished and a number of casualties.

The alarm was lifted at 3 p.m. — Our Own Correspondent.

The middle of 1918. — British Wireless.



Firemen, muddled with their night's labour, refreshed with tea by nuns of a convent in South West London that was hit by Nazi bombs. (Copyright, Fox).

GALLANTRY OF THE TROOPS

Military commentators in London recall Libya was declared "part of the national territory of Italy" by decree in January, 1939.

They also drew attention to persistent stories, all of which state that General Graziani wanted to evacuate Bardia some time ago and would have done so but for orders from the Duce.

Military experts point out that if this was the true intention of men in a position in which they were faced with either capture or death and which it was not intended to make any real attempt to relieve constitutes what can only be regarded as a crime by any soldier.

Military circles accord a full measure of praise to the Italian troops for the gallantry they have shown when they knew they were being sacrificed in a vain endeavour to "save" Mussolini's waning prestige. — British — Wireless.

GRUESOME CRIME ALLEGED

A gruesome discovery was made on Friday night in Macao when a police officer stopped a ragged Chinese pedestrian and searched the gummy bag which was slung across his back.

In the bag were the arms and legs of a human being. The man refused to make any statement at first but later broke down and, it is alleged, confessed that he had killed his wife with a chopper in the early hours of New Year's Day.

It is alleged that the man cut up the body. The trunk had been thrown into the sea.

He was on his way to get rid of the arms and legs when he was searched by the policeman.

It is believed that the man is mentally unbalanced. — Our Own Correspondent.

VICEREINE'S FUND

The two junior Maharajahs of Nepal have contributed 5,000 rupees each to the Vicereine's Fund for the purchase of ambulances, says Reuter from New Delhi.

BAR TO PATH OF HITLER

SPEAKING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, REFERRED TO THE CHEERFUL FORTITUDE AND DOGGED ENDURANCE AND GRIT OF THE BRITISH PEOPLES IN GREAT CITIES, IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES WHICH, HE SAID, HAD BEEN ADMIRABLE OVER THE WORLD.

They had shown, however criminal and inhuman the attacks to which they were subjected, that they would never bend or break. It is this country, Sir Kingsley added, that blocks Germany's way, that defeats her evil ambition and upon which rests the main responsibility for the defence of civilised Europe and all that decency stands for in the world.

The Allies were fighting for great things—liberty, justice and civilisation itself. — British Wireless.

R.A.F. OPERATIONS

An R.A.F. communique from the Middle East states: "During the night of January 3/4 and throughout Saturday bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. continued to attack incessantly enemy aerodromes in eastern Libya."

One gun position received a direct hit and was silenced.

During a subsequent raid on Saturday night, when several tons of bombs were dropped on military objectives, our aircraft observed violent explosions at Bardia with accompanying large fires caused by earlier raiding.

The jetty and harbour were the main objectives at Bomba and bombs fell well in the target area. — British Wireless.

LOSSES IN THE AIR

DURING THE WEEK ENDED MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY THE GERMAN LUFTWAFFE, IN RAIDS OVER BRITAIN, LOST THREE BOMBERS, ONE ON THE NIGHT OF FRIDAY/SATURDAY AND TWO DURING SATURDAY.

The British lost one fighter on Saturday.

During the same period eight British bombers failed to return from the heavy raids on Germany, two on the night of Dec. 28/29, two on the night of Dec. 29/30, two on Dec. 31, one on the night of Jan. 2/3 and one on the night of Jan. 3/4.

One German plane was shot down while trying to intercept. — Reuter.

SURE OF NAZI POLICY

Americans And Aid To Britain

HITLER NOT SEEKING CASUS BELLI

BOTH THE NEW York "Herald-Tribune" and the New York "Times" yesterday carried items strongly favouring all aid to Britain.

The "Herald-Tribune" says bluntly that Hitler will not consider aiding Britain as an act of war until it suits him to do so.

"As this will not be until Britain falls," the newspaper continues, "it will be safe for America to give all the aid she can while Britain is still fighting."

Professor Barton Leach, Professor of Law at Harvard University, and well-known jurist, writing in the New York "Times," asserts that the United States is already in a state of war with the Axis.

In a letter two columns long Professor Leach develops the argument that the technical status of policy is merely a delusion and that full and effective aid to Britain alone can keep the United States out of active fighting.

At a minimum he suggests, aid to Britain should include the seizure of Axis ships in United States ports, internment of Axis consular staffs and American conveying of supplies.

Diplomatic Relations

The cessation of diplomatic relations with the Axis powers is advocated by Major Fielding Elliot, New York "Herald-Tribune" military expert.

American protection of Eire and the use of Eirean bases by the United States, is another of his proposals.

Major Elliot advocates this step as a stimulus for a policy of conveying supplies. — Reuter.

FRENCH COUNCIL OF DEFENCE

British official recognition has been given to the "Council of Defence of the Empire" established by General de Gaulle at Brazzaville last October.

The British Government yesterday informed General de Gaulle that they will be happy to treat with him and with the Defence Council on all questions involving their collaboration with French overseas territories which place themselves under the authority of General de Gaulle both in matters affecting the association of Free French Forces with His Majesty's forces in prosecuting the war against the common enemy and in those affecting the political and economic interests of those territories. — Reuter.

SOVIET MILITARY TRAINING

The period of compulsory training in the Red Air Force has been increased from three to four years.

A new decree was published in Moscow yesterday making this change but no explanation of the reason for it is given.

The extension affects non-commissioned officers and men. Registration of men liable for military service in the Red Army this year took place yesterday and will be continued on February 12. These men will not be called for service until the Autumn. — Reuter.

FACTORY MISHAP

A worker in the Po On Gas Mask Factory at Ngau Chi Wan was seriously injured yesterday when his left arm was caught in one of the machines. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

AXIS FLOUNDERING FOR EXPLANATIONS

AXIS PROPAGANDISTS are meeting with some difficulty in explaining the various Italian defeats and are floundering around in a sea of boasts and contradictions.

Rome Radio, for instance, made the remarkable claim last night that "the situation is more favourable to Italy than one would think!"

CLOUDS AND THE BOMBER

On one or two occasions during the past few months there has appeared in the Air Ministry's communiques some such phrase as "Operations by aircraft of Bomber Command were last night restricted because of bad weather." The man in the street has been known to find it hard to reconcile such a statement with the persistent attacks on this country.

"If the Germans can manage it why can't we?" is the question.

It is perhaps not generally realised that while the weather over the target areas in Germany must be considered it is even more important that the weather over the bases from which our bombers operate should be favourable. Our aircraft, it is true, can take off and fly through even the worst kind of weather, but they have to get back and land safely. And that is a point which must be considered in the planning of any operation.

On this score the enemy has far less cause for anxiety. His returning bombers have a large choice of landing grounds—from Bordeaux to Norway and far inland—and since their outward journey has usually been a short one they carry enough petrol to take them out of almost any belt of bad landing weather.

The R.A.F., on the other hand, are obliged to work from a much smaller area. Low cloud and fog might be widespread over England. Our bombers, covering perhaps 1,200 miles in one journey, must be able to find their

In a broadcast to Turkey, the German Radio goes even further, and says that "in the Mediterranean, the British Fleet are having great difficulties owing to the increasing pressure of the Italian Fleet."

The effect of all this on the Turks can be judged from an Ankara Radio broadcast last night:

"Italy has lost not only the Mediterranean but also the Adriatic."

Apart from wild boasts, Axis propagandists are also contradicting themselves and each other about where the main theatre of war really is.

Some Germans and Italians agree that decisive action can be expected in the Mediterranean. The German magazine "Das Reich" and German broadcasts in Czech and German, however, have it that the main thing is the invasion of Britain.

Thus, "Das Reich" has it that "the British threat to Italy is only important as an effort to eliminate her before Germany's new onslaught against England." — Reuter.

bases readily. To send them off in weather which partly obscures or even blacks out these bases is to impose the gravest risk upon both crews and aircraft.

In the daytime the enemy also seemed, until recently, to be indifferent to the weather, for attacks were made on this country regardless of cloud cover. But the result was that the enemy suffered heavily from our anti-aircraft guns and fighters.

We have built up our daylight strategy upon the use of cloud cover. It is common sense and not mere caution which has caused the R.A.F. to take the clouds for its allies. The success of that strategy is now apparent for the enemy, forced to abandon mass onslaught, is now attempting to imitate it. We, with our eye on the weather, have always drawn a line between casualties suffered and damage inflicted. The enemy has been all-out for damage—even random damage at that—and was punished accordingly, a point that is well worth remembering when some such phrase as "weather restricted operations" next appears.



Heavy and light forces of the Royal Navy recently carried out a bombardment of the enemy-occupied port of Cherbourg where a concentration of enemy shipping had been detected. Photo shows some of the ships taking part in the bombardment firing. (Copyright, Fox).

NUISANCE VALUE

Extract from a fighter pilot's report:

"I fired a fairly long burst into a Dornier 17. I fired at an Me.109, fired at another Me.109. I climbed to 25,000 feet and dived into enemy formation. I fired at an Me.109, obviously hitting it hard. I fired another short burst on passing. I was then told to make a nuisance of myself."

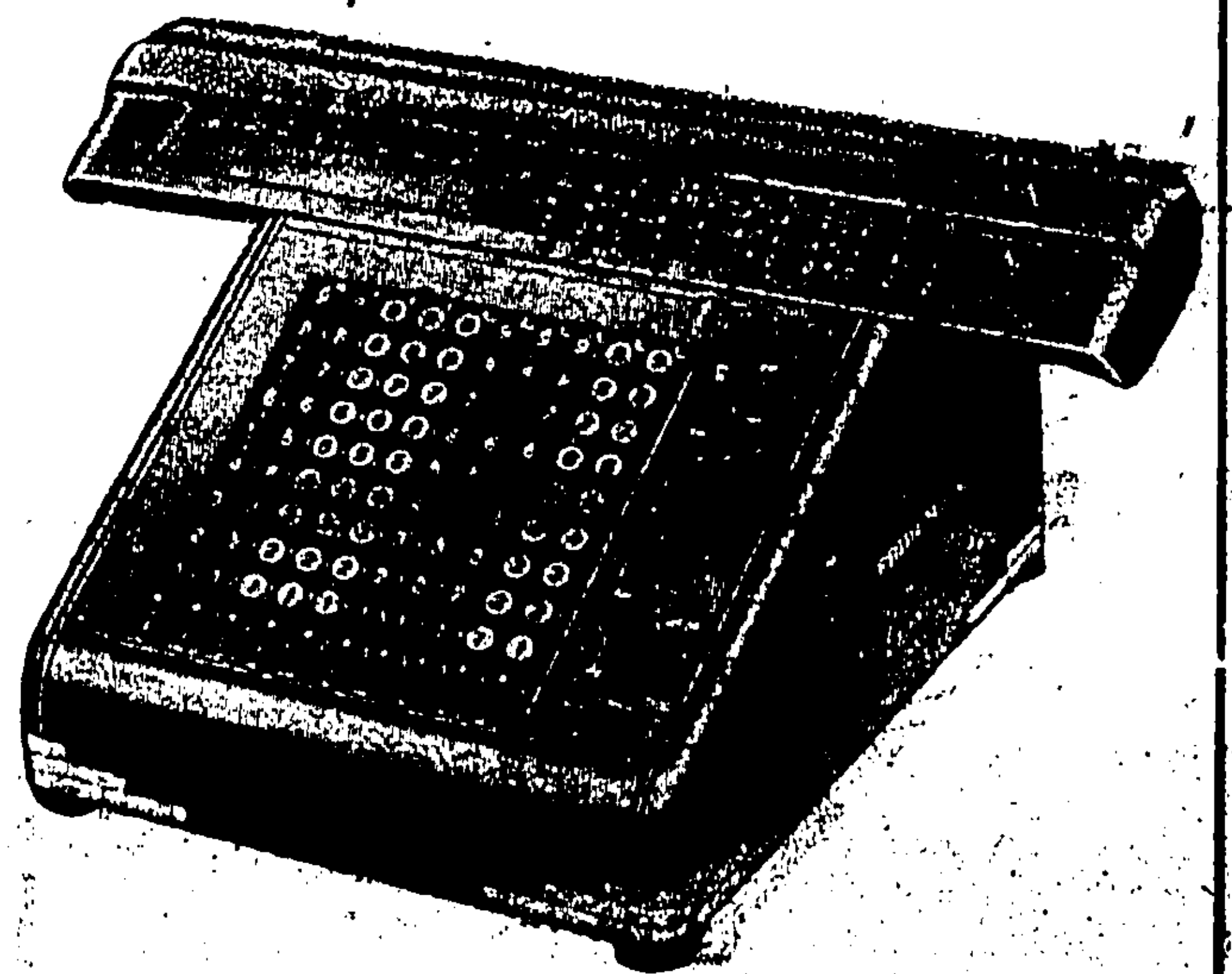
ADMIRAL LEAHY IN FRANCE

READ-ADMIRAL LEAHY, THE NEW U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO VICHY, IS NOW IN FRENCH TERRITORY ON HIS WAY TO VICHY.

Another American diplomat, Mr. Robert Murphy, Counsellor of the U.S. Embassy in Vichy, is reported to have arrived in Casablanca, Morocco, and American news reports from Vichy say that he is expected to see General Nogues, the Resident-General there. — Reuter.

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BLOCKADE EFFECTIVE BUT NET COULD BE DRAWN YET TIGHTER

"THE BLOCKADE is very effective, though I should like the net drawn tighter still," states Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, in a special interview published in the London "Sunday Times" yesterday.

"Germany still has important supply routes — the route through Russia being the most important.

"In order to maintain exports to our enemies, Russia has been importing large quantities of cotton from North and South America, and rubber and some non-ferrous metals from the Far East.

"By this route Germany can get a steady trickle of goods, small in bulk but great in value."

Replying to a suggestion that Spain was a "hole in the blockade," Mr. Dalton said: "I am convinced that less generous treatment might have played into Hitler's hands and deprived Spain of any independence. It is most unlikely that anything significant will be re-exported to Germany."

There was enough food in German-occupied Europe to ensure the inhabitants from not starving.

If Germany was able to import more food for the controlled territories, it would strengthen her manpower by enabling her to transfer workers from food production to arms production or to the army.

Vast Accumulation

Mr. Dalton warned against expecting an immediate economic collapse of the Reich, which "has vast accumulations of stocks and a great capacity for improvisation."

A German distribution crisis would come before a production crisis, owing to transport disorganization all over German-occupied Europe.

"Italy has been much more directly hit," added Mr. Dalton. "Perhaps the ineffectiveness of her air force and the immobility of her navy are partly explicable by the unfavourable oil position."

PRIVATE BLITZES

PILOTS OF A COASTAL COMMAND SQUADRON WHO PATROL THE NORTH SEA SOMETIMES RECEIVE PERMISSION TO SEEK OUT AND BOMB MILITARY TARGETS. AFTER COMPLETING THEIR PRIMARY TASK OF RECONNAISSANCE, WARSHIPS, SUPPLY SHIPS AND AERODROMES ARE THE FAVOURITE OBJECTS OF ATTACK, AND IT IS RARE FOR AN AIRCRAFT WITH A ROVING COMMISSION TO RETURN WITHOUT HAVING "HAD A CRACK" AT SOME COG IN GERMANY'S WAR MACHINE.

Such extended trips are known in the squadron as "private blitzes" and are so popular that pilots and crews willingly sacrifice a day off for a chance of a good "blitz". Their C.O. usually has many more applications than he can submit for "higher approval".

The other night two aircraft went off to find trouble after they had completed their reconnaissance patrols. The board in the Operations Room, showing their expected time of return, had the added inscription: "But may be up to two hours late owing to private hostilities."

They came back with direct hits on a mine-sweeper and a supply ship and a near-miss on a destroyer to their credit.

EGYPT SPEECH DISQUIET

A public speech in Oxford, in which it was asserted that a British withdrawal from Egypt would not be a major disaster, caused "grave disquiet," according to Mr. Quintin Hogg, Conservative M.P. for Oxford.

The speech, it was stated, was made by Mr. A. J. P. Taylor, a member of the Oxford Information Committee, which was appointed by the Ministry of Information.

Mr. Hogg, in the House of Commons called the attention of the Minister of Information to Mr. Taylor's speech.

Mr. Harold Nicolson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry, said Mr. Taylor was careful to make it clear at the time that he was not speaking as a member of the committee.

"Mr. Taylor is neither a Civil

14, SHE SAVED 2

Gallantry of a fourteen-year-old girl in shielding her brother, aged three, and a fifteen-month-old baby girl and bringing them safely out of a bombed house at Chatham has so aroused the admiration of the staff of the first-aid post to which the children were evacuated that they are to present her with a wristlet watch inscribed "For conspicuous bravery."

The girl, Florence Westin, was in a room with her brother Dennis and the baby girl, Sheila Page, when a bomb fell next door and the house collapsed on top of them.

As the bomb whistled down Florence threw herself on top of the children to protect them. A beam saved them from being crushed.

The first-aid party from the post arrived to see Florence emerging from the wreckage dragging her brother by one hand and carrying the baby in her other arm.

All the way to the post Florence insisted upon nursing the baby without flinching. She even held the baby in her arms while the doctor put stitches in its head.

Servant nor in receipt of remuneration from the Government," said Mr. Nicolson, "and he therefore enjoys the same right as any other British subject to express his private opinion."

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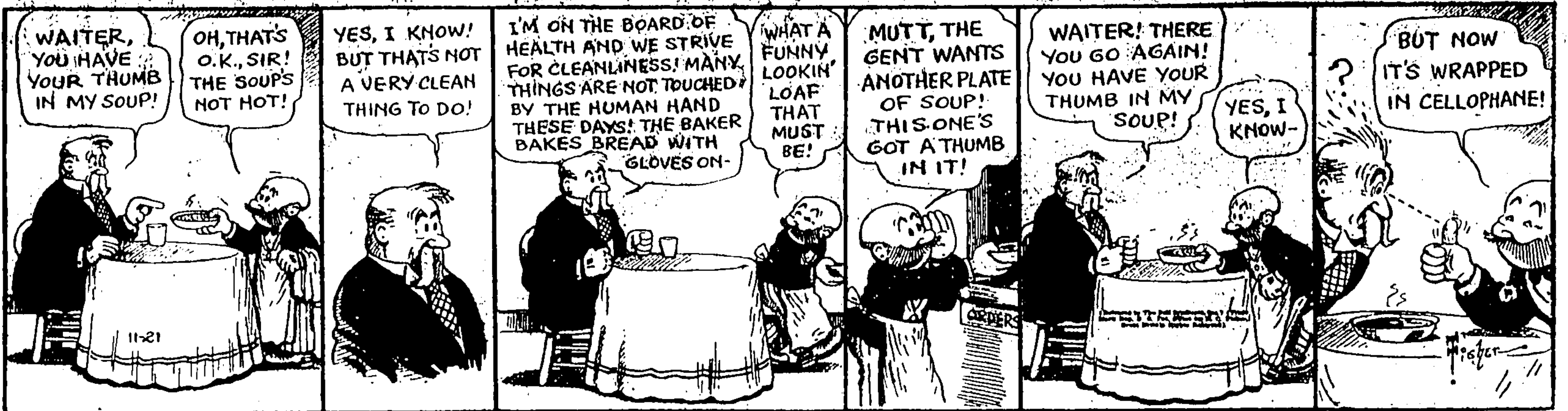
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Nazi Four Motor Bombers

A new sort of German raider has lately made a fleeting appearance over Britain — heavily guarded by escorts of fighters. It has been described as a large, black, 4-motor type, employed as a heavy bomber. Although during its first few visits it had not yet joined the identifiable remains of the hundreds of He's, Me's, Ju's and Do's which have fallen to the guns of Britain's Spitfires and Hurricanes, it bears a strong resemblance to the pre-war Focke-Wulf "Condor."

Designed as a 26-seat civil airliner the Condor is a low-wing cantilever monoplane. Before the war the type was used on the Luft Hansa Berlin-London service. In general lay-out it is somewhat like another big Nazi civil type, the Ju.90, and the famous British D. H. Albatross 4-motor mail carrier. Unlike these two types the Condor has only a single rudder. Its wing span of 108 feet is some

3 feet more than that of the Albatross, and about 4 feet less than that of the giant Short Empire flying boats.

In the Nazi invasions of Scandinavia and the Low Countries, Condors were used for dropping parachutists, and as troop-carriers. The interior passenger accommodation was stripped to crowd in considerable numbers of troops and equipment.

The civil version of the Condor had four B.M.W. radial engines of about 720 h.p. each, giving it a maximum speed of around 230 m.p.h. The "ceiling" or maximum height, was roughly 22,000 feet or 13,000 feet on three motors only. A feature is that each engine had its own separate fuel tank. With special fuel tanks the extreme range was just under 1,000 miles. Carrying a normal fuel load the "pay load" was between 2½ and 3 tons, and the total load carried, including fuel, passengers and equipment, was rather more than 4½ tons.

Compared with about 5 tons load which can be carried at a cruising speed of 230 m.p.h. by the 2-motor He. 111K bomber, a type which has been proved to be well within the capacity of British Fighters, these figures are not impressive. But they have been improved by fitting more powerful engines, with some reduction in range.

DUD BOMBS ON LONDON

CZECH TRICK ON THE NAZIS

London reports that Czechoslovak workers at the great Skoda munitions works apparently have been sabotaging German bombs, with the result that a surprising number of "duds" have fallen on London, were related by the wife of a British naval officer arriving in Boston on the steamship Nova Scotia.

Several passengers said the stories had become common gossip in London but had not been permitted to pass the British censorship.

Mrs. Lillian Birkenhead of Cheshire, wife of a destroyer commander, who came here with her 2-year-old son John, said London had heard "many reports lately about the extent of the apparent sabotage."

"Of course such things are supposed to be official military secrets," she said, "but they have a way of getting out."

"The time bombs that were at first the most feared of all are the ones that have chiefly convinced the experts that there is something wrong and that the Nazis have been tricked."

Mrs. Birkenhead's story was confirmed by a companion, Mrs. Violet Hunt of Birmingham.

NOT SO FRIENDLY

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"I had become separated from the squadron in a private fight with a Messerschmidt 109," the British pilot said afterwards. "I was climbing up again to see what I could see when two aircraft which I thought were Hurricanes passed over me. I climbed up after them, hoping to join up, and discovered that they were Messerschmidts 109."

"As they did not see me, I joined on behind and chased them until within range and opened fire at the rear one."

"After about three seconds there was a red flash and the aircraft caught fire behind the pilot and dived steeply, burning well."

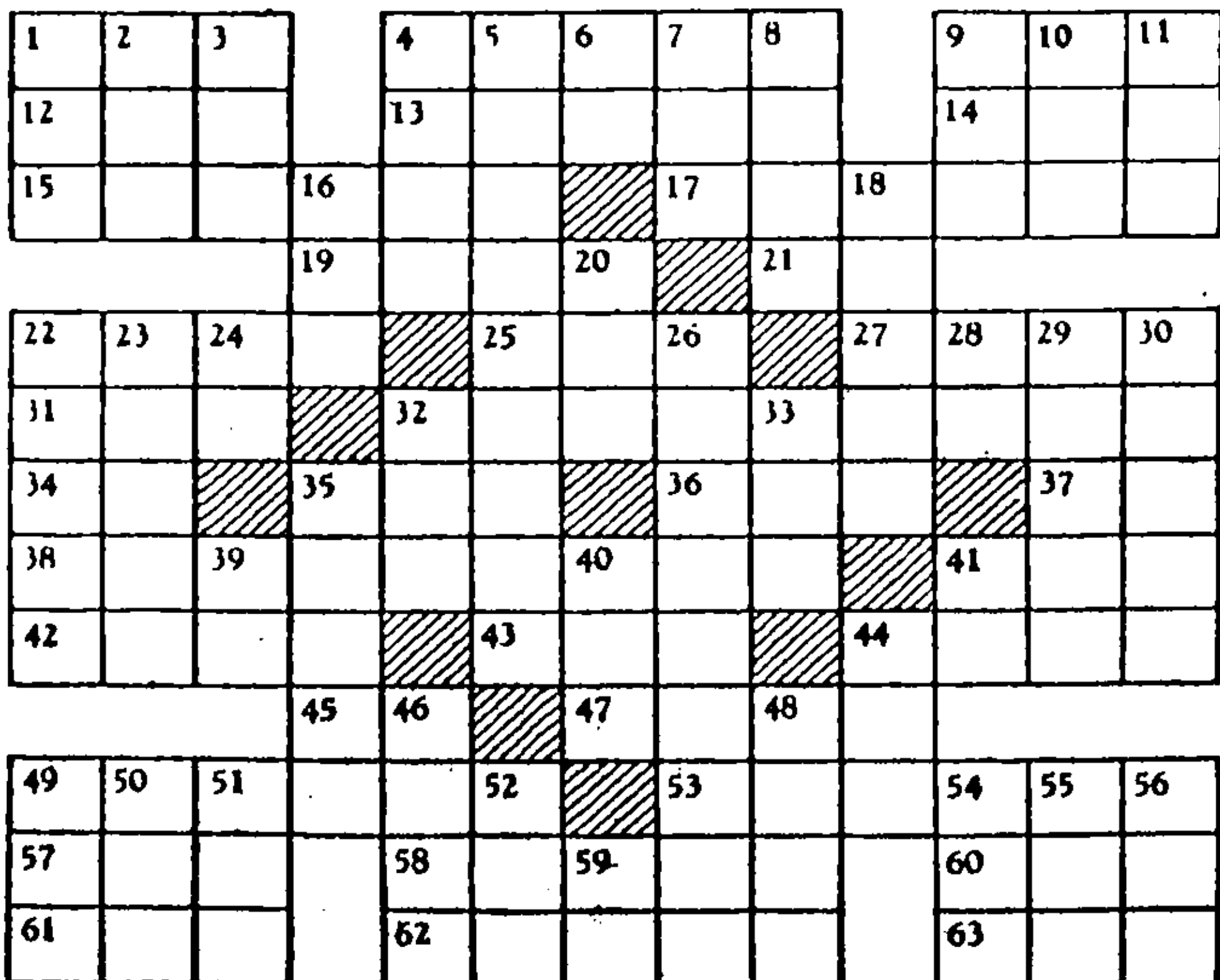
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- 22 To grasp
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- 27 To construct
- 31 Youth
- 32 Salinity
- 34 Preposition
- 35 Monk
- 36 Negative
- 37 Mixed type
- 38 Unwilling
- 41 Resort
- 42 Twelve months
- 43 Silkworm
- 44 Large snakes
- 45 Conjunction
- 47 Singing voice
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- 53 Christian festival

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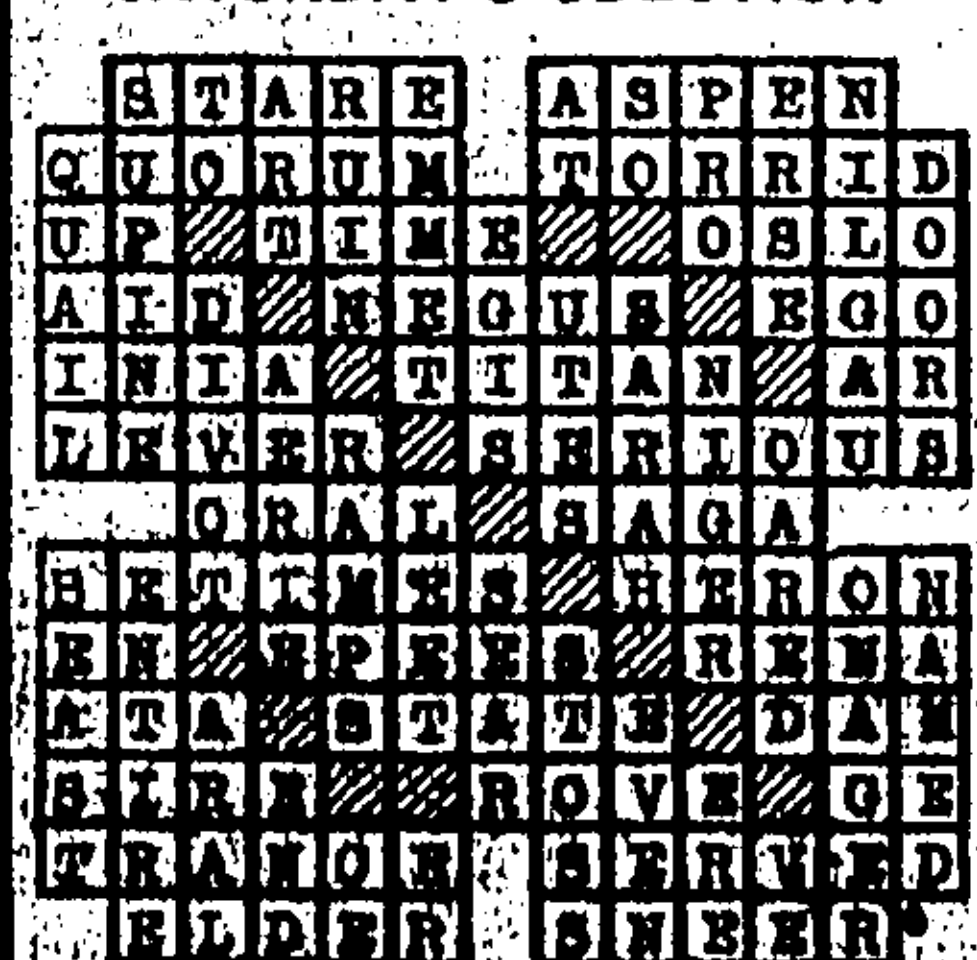
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- 4 Mineral salt
- 5 To identify by name
- 6 Molten lava
- 7 Greek letter
- 8 Shelter
- 9 French coin
- 10 Grampus
- 11 English river
- 12 To drink

- 18 To resign
- 20 Ancient pistol
- 22 Renown
- 23 Hindu princess
- 24 European fish
- 26 Poverty-stricken
- 28 Symbol for actinium
- 29 Greek letter
- 30 Hebrew prophet
- 32 Part of a circle
- 33 Parcel of land
- 35 Rage
- 39 Note of scale
- 40 Constellation
- 41 Therefore
- 44 Genus of ruminants
- 46 Slang: a rustic
- 48 To seize
- 49 Value
- 50 Novel
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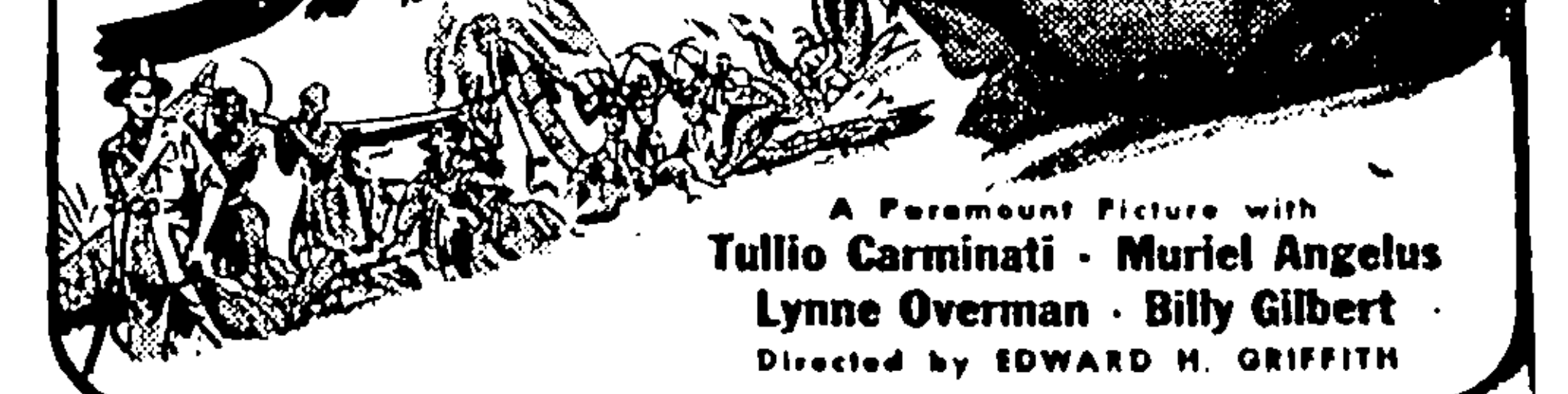
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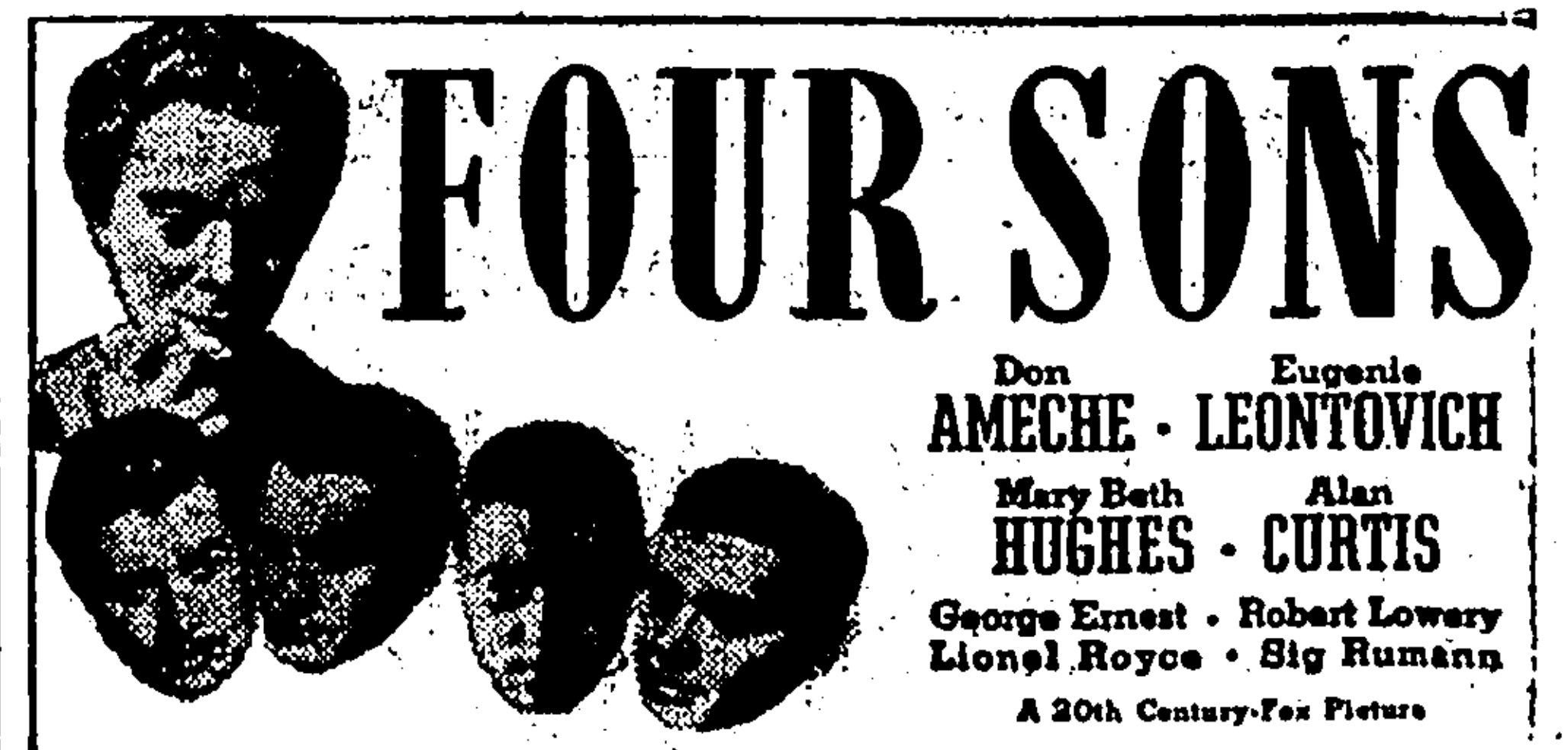
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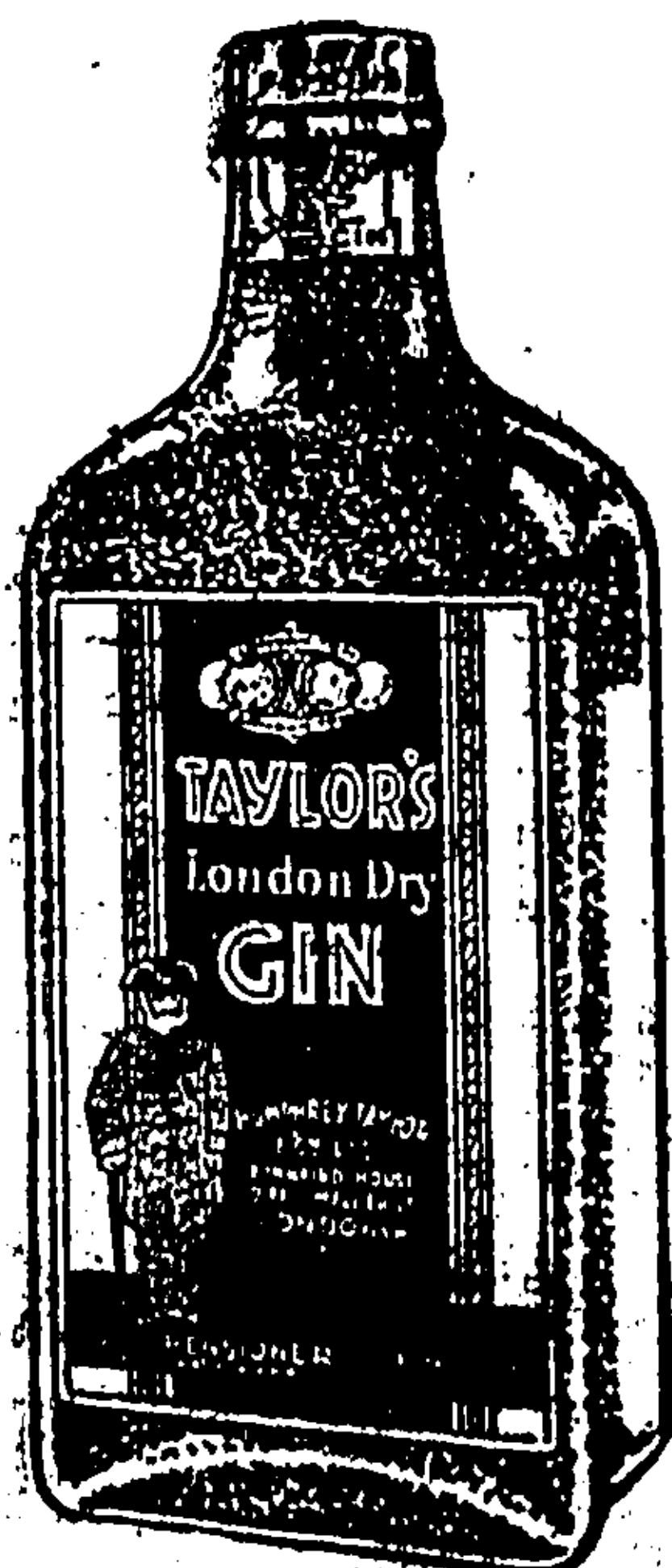
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GIRLS LEAD NIGHT LIFE IN SHELTERS

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

GANGS OF GIRLS WHO SPEND THEIR NIGHTS WITH UNDESIRABLE MEN IN PUBLIC AIR-RAID SHELTERS ARE CREATING NEW PROBLEMS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND SOCIAL WORKERS. ONE GANG, KNOWN AS THE "SHELTER GIRLS," HAS BECOME SUCH A NUISANCE IN LIVERPOOL THAT WOMEN MAGISTRATES AND SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE URGED THE CITY'S WAR EMERGENCY COUNCIL TO ACTION.

An education official told the Juvenile Court there that the girls were between fourteen and nineteen years old, lived at home as little as possible, were generally in the company of undesirable men, and used the shelters as bedrooms.

When I toured shelters during night raids I found social workers making a similar tour.

One of them, Alderman Miss Mabel Fletcher, magistrate and chairman of the Schoolchildren's Care and Attendance Committee, said: "Welfare workers and women's patrols are doing magnificent work, but there are not nearly enough of them."

Some From Good Homes

"They keep careful check of girls reported by parents to be out of control. They spend hours at night searching for the girls and persuading them to go home."

"The war has relieved these girls of personal responsibility. Many from respectable homes are proving as difficult as others."

"They make the raids an excuse not to go home, and spend nights here dancing, singing and keeping awake those who have come to sleep."

Conduct in some of the big shelters is such that respectable people dare not enter.

Even while I was talking to Alderman Fletcher a drunk stumbled over a sleeping child; a factory girl was complaining that her bedding had been stolen; and a grab was made at my handbag; and further unpleasant indignities were attempted.

Children Have A Racket

Small children have a racket more popular than collecting shrapnel. They ask men, chiefly sailors, to give them a penny for two halfpennies. Invariably they are given a penny and told to keep the halfpennies.

I saw one urchin carry a fistful of coppers back to his mother, and a detective told me that some of the kiddies make well over £1 a week.

Mrs. Humphrey Foxell, chief organiser of Birmingham Housewives' Service, said yesterday: "Many young girls prefer the public shelter to the family shelter. Young men are drinking in shelters and we want this stopped too. 'Some women leave their babies at home during raids while they are out drinking or making munitions."

"At one house recently two babies, aged two and five, were found outside the house during a raid while the mother was away."

"We are trying to get a by-law passed to have a curfew for all children under fourteen unless they are with their parents."

THEY CAN WELD METAL TO GLASS

For years scientists and manufacturers all over the world have sought a means of welding metal to glass. Now it is announced that a method has been perfected by British glass manufacturers at St. Helens, Lancashire.

An official of the firm said: "The process has been made a practical one by combining the use of specially toughened glass and aluminium, and overcoming the technical difficulties of spraying."

"The process is also being used for soldering metal discs or bolts on to glass, and it is possible to attach glass to glass by the same process."

MARLENE IS NO LONGER TOPS FOR LEG APPEAL

Away from the blast, the bombs and the blitz—to sunny Hollywood and Miss Marlene Dietrich's legs.

For years, the owner of that magnificent pair of extremities has topped ballots for No. 1 leg appeal.

She tops it no longer. In a world where such competitions still make headlines, Miss Betty Grable is the new title holder. Has just been voted so, after a nation-wide screen poll taken by the Screen Dancers' Guild.

There are, of course, runners-up — Alice Fay, Eleanor Powell, Zorina, Joan Crawford, Hedy Lamarr, Ann Sheridan, Lana Turner, Sonja Henie, Brenda Joyce. But Miss Grable's 8½ in. ankles and 13 in. calves romp home first.

In case you've forgotten how the other half of the world lives, let me remind you that Miss Grable was once the wife of ex-film-prodigy Jackie Coogan, that they hogged columns of space in the newspapers by separating, coming together, separating again, and then divorcing.

IT'S AUTOMATIC

U.S.A. MAKES NEW BOMB RELEASE

An automatic bomb release, which enables the bomber to space each explosive at a pre-determined distance from its neighbour, has been perfected in the laboratories of an important U.S.A. aircraft factory, according to American air circles.

The device would allow a string of bombs to be dropped at regular intervals on the line along which a ship is travelling.

If the first bomb falls accurately on the line, aft of the ship, one or more of the rest is bound to score a direct hit.

If the first bomb is off the line the bomb-aimer can stop the device and try again, or the pilot can adjust his course to improve the aim.

Out Of Range

The bomber could fly at a terrific height, visibility permitting, well out of reach of anti-aircraft fire.

Similar tactics could be used against a factory or other vital target.

A bomber aiding a military advance could likewise decimate a moving column of transport, tanks, or men.

Little can be told about the device. Connected with the air-speed indicator is a dial with which the release can be set to drop the bombs at measured but slow intervals if the bomber is flying slowly; if the machine is flying fast, then the dial can be set to speed up the unloading of a chosen number of bombs.

Once the bomb-aimer sets the device, then the bombs drop automatically — even if he himself has meanwhile been put out of action.

CAPTURED NAZI AIRMAN HAD TEA AND CRIED

TWO GERMAN AIRMEN who baled out when their Heinkel bomber was shot down at Hornchurch, Essex, were later taken prisoner by civilians. One was captured by James White, 83-year-old lodge-keeper at Belhurst Park, Aveley, and the other by Walter Byford, a porter at South Ockendon station.

Byford found his man on the platform when he opened the station, locked him in one of the rooms and telephoned the police.

Lodgekeeper J. White, an old soldier, was returning from his morning rounds when he saw his German, an officer, dressed in overalls, with his feet wrapped in strips of parachute.

"I was just going indoors," he told the "Daily Herald" when I met the man in the drive and asked him where he was going.

Feet Jammed

"He replied, 'Take me prisoner,' and I realised he was a German airman. I saw that he was wounded in one leg and questioned him."

"He had been wounded by a splinter of anti-aircraft shell which had put his machine out of control. His feet got jammed in the rubber bar and he had to take off his boots before he could bale out."

"I left my wife, who is 65, in charge of him, while I went to telephone for the police."

Mrs. White said: "My husband brought the man in, laid him on the sofa and took away his revolver and ammunition. I got him a cup of tea, and he immediately burst into tears."

"Only A Boy"

"My dog and cat made an awful fuss of him, and as he lay on the sofa crying he patted them both, so that my dog did not want to leave him when the police came to take him away in an ambulance."

"He was only a boy, just about 24, and he seemed so ashamed of himself and seemed overwhelmed because we treated him so gently."

The bodies of two other airmen were found in the debris of the bomber, which killed a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Bond, and their four-year-old daughter, Joyce, in their Anderson shelter.

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LEADERSHIP IN DEMOCRACY

In the series of broadcast talks which he has just published with the title "I Believe in Democracy" the Master of Balliol makes an illuminating comparison between the Nazi system and the methods of the old Ottoman Empire. The Christians in the territories ruled by the Empire were compelled to send a proportion of their male children to Constantinople. These children were kept there as slaves and the most promising of them were trained for administration. Thus the Sultan's chief officials were often slaves drawn from the non-Turkish populations. They were brought up with a strict discipline and no ties of any kind but to their corps and the Sultan. In the same way the pick of the Nazi youth are trained in special schools, renouncing all ties of home and kin, brought up in blind devotion to their leader. "The one thing they are not to have is any thoughts of their own." In both cases the rulers select and train leaders on whose loyalty they can count.

In the totalitarian States there is an all-powerful minority party which has the strength of a strict discipline and governs by suppressing freedom and independent news. In Great Britain the community is composed of a great number of voluntary societies, and there is freedom of discussion. In these talks Dr. Lindsay recalls the important part played by the different protesting religious bodies, Independents and Baptists, in the seventeenth century in giving form and tenacity to democratic ideas, a subject that he discussed in his book "The Essentials of Democracy." It shows again how the challenge of industrialism to democracy produced trade unions, cooperative societies, the Workers' Educational Association, and similar movements. All this is encouraging, for it shows that a democratic society creates its own institutions. But he warns us that the problems of leadership become steadily harder and that the demands made on the spiritual power of a democracy steadily increase. Government today is an extraordinarily delicate and complex machine and our education must be vastly improved if we are to find leaders who are competent to handle and direct it.

The Price Of Security Is Constant Vigilance

Naval war consists in the main, to the various naval reserves, and of month after month of constant watchfulness and dreary monotony at sea, punctuated by hours and minutes of intense excitement. It is true that the advent of submarines and aircraft has greatly extended the period of likelihood of dangerous excitement for all warships and merchant vessels. Hundreds of ships of all types must have been in action with U-boats or aircraft since the war began. Yet, many hundreds more have not been in active conflict with either German or Italian ships.

The work of those ships whose names have not figured in official communiqués or honours lists is none the less arduous or important a contribution to the successful prosecution of the war. Patiently, stroke by stroke, and with infinite labour and toil, they are etching in the sombre background of the huge picture which embraces the whole maritime theatre of operation. This applies in particular to a host of vessels from the Merchant Navy and the Fishing Fleets now commissioned as warships and flying the White Ensign.

By
"Taffrail",

also like to volunteer? There were three others like him, the engineer said, all anxious to do their bit. All four enrolled, and the Navy has never regretted it.

At another port I saw several of the private yachts taken over by the Navy for patrol and anti-submarine purposes. One of these was commanded by a Captain of the Royal Naval Reserve whom I had last seen in command of a famous Atlantic liner. The liner's tonnage was something over 45,000 and her length more than 800 feet. The length of the yacht was little more than that of a cricket pitch—66 feet—and her tonnage round about 100.

I went to sea minesweeping in a paddle steamer belonging to a railway company which used to take crowds of excursionists to the local beauty spots and watering places. Transformed into a man-of-war she had a complement of fifty officers and men, a gun or two, and the usual mine-sweep, with all its paraphernalia of winches, and floats, and fathom upon

fathom of wire. The torpedo-shaped floats with their red and green flags towed on either quarter and indicating the trend of the sweep-wires beneath and between them and the ship had their names painted upon them—"Joan" and "Pat." I was told that the mine-sweeping personnel had the privilege of taking turns in christening them, so the names changed fairly frequently. Once they had been "Rose" and "Gertie," which like Joan and Pat, were young ladies living in the neighbourhood of the base.

The captain of that ship was a Royal Naval Reserve officer who had commanded a cargo steamer in peacetime. His navigator and three engineers had been in the service of the company before the war. Of the three Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve lieutenants, the peace-time occupation of one was as an authority on the preservation of buildings and the ravages of the death-watch beetle; another was a chartered accountant, and the third was in a well-known bank. The midshipman, sent there for training, would have been at University but for the war.

The professions of the ship's company were even more varied than those of the officers. There was a sprinkling of active service petty officers and ratings, a leading seaman from the Royal Yacht "Victoria and Albert," and some prisoners, reservists and others enrolled "for the duration." They included a postman, a bricklayer, several deep-sea trawlermen, a boiler-maker, rivetter, boot-maker, and a dockyard labourer. The telegraphist was a surveyor in civil life, and the signalman an insurance agent.

I watched the officers and men at their work, streaming the sweeps, going through an ordinary day's routine, and then getting them in again preparatory to returning to harbour. There was no

fuss or bother. Everything went off without a hitch. The ship's company might all have been born to the sea and working together for years instead of only for months.

The average number of days a month spent at sea by that little ship was round about twenty-three, in which period she covers about 1,794 miles. This means that in a year of war she will have done 21,528 miles. That is slightly more than seven times the distance from Liverpool to New York, and represents a lot of hard work when one recalls that minesweeping is not done at very high speed.

Two trawlers in which I also went to sea on patrol had also done much arduous service since the war began. The skippers of both were Scots fishermen. The group officer in one was a retired Lieutenant-Commander, R.N., whose peace-time employment was with the Mersey Dock and Harbour Board, while the other was a Lieutenant-Commander, R.N.R., who had left the sea before the war and was qualifying as a doctor when recalled for service afloat.

The bulk of the crew was made up by fishermen; but among them were a metropolitan policeman, a paperhanger, an entertainer and conjuror, a waiter, a stock-broker's clerk, an employee in a furniture and upholstery business, and a man from the British Broadcasting Corporation's engineering staff serving as a wireless operator—and a very good operator indeed. I was told by his commanding officer.

The war-time Navy, with its manifold tasks and functions, has need of all these men, and of the ships in which they serve. They are all doing arduous service in the face of no little risk and danger. As the First Lord of the Admiralty said, in a speech on August 7, "The price of security is constant vigilance, and the price of the free way of life is even greater vigilance backed by unremitting effort."

How Hitler Has Copied Moscow

In early 1939, Sir Paul Dukes, K.B.E., went to Czechoslovakia via Germany on a special mission and search for a prominent Czech, Alfred Obry, who was missing, and whose London friends were prepared to pay the Gestapo for his release.

Sir Paul found Alfred Obry, or at least his remains, buried under another name, and the startling events leading up to this grim discovery are related by Sir Paul in his book, "An Epic of the Gestapo."

The author's dealings with the dreaded Gestapo in Berlin and Prague, their attacks of Anglophobia and the desire of their victims to get to England are all recorded.

His views on Hitler and especially the Communist Pact, make most interesting reading at this juncture. Sir Paul was in Germany at the time of the agreement signed by Germany and Russia, and dealing with the many phases of agreement between Nazism and Communism, he writes:—

"It had taken us by surprise only in its suddenness and scope, following upon years of vitriolic abuse and the Fuehrer's reiterated declaration that any form of alliance with Russia must inevitably spell doom for Germany. But was the agreement itself after all so unnatural? I had been studying the resemblance between the Nazi and Bolshevik administrations, and there was plenty of ground for mutual understanding if rivalry was set aside.

"The Communist dictatorship of Moscow is the prototype of all totalitarian dictatorships and upon it in greater or lesser extent all subsequent totalitarian regimes, but particularly that of the Nazis, have been modelled.

"One of the most remarkable things about Adolf Hitler is that he has produced little or nothing that is truly original.

"Besides the Gestapo, an exact replica of the Cheka-Ogpu, the

Press and propaganda apparatus of both regimes is identical in character.

Goebbels, indeed, might have been a faithful disciple of the Jewish founder of the Comintern, Zinoviev-Apfelbaum. Those acquainted with the style of oratory and argumentation of both Goebbels and Zinoviev cannot but have been struck by their marked resemblance, even in terminology, illustration and the talent for inventing cheap jibes.

"True, in 1936, Stalin shot his erstwhile friend and comrade Zinoviev - Apfelbaum, together with many other associates of long standing who refused to toe the zig-zag Stalin line. But Hitler likewise has 'liquidated' no small number of his closest friends who ventured to oppose him in word or deed.

"In the economic sphere, the Nazi system of far-reaching and ever-increasing Government control of imports and exports, of production and distribution of private banking accounts, and of prices of the commonest things such as household repairs and automobile parts, approximated even in peace time more and more closely to the system prevailing in Russia.

"True, Hitler has never officially abolished private property, nor Stalin officially recognised it. But wide deviation from theory on both sides brought them close together, and under war conditions there is little to distinguish them in practice.

"Under both regimes education is run on similar principles. It is calculated primarily to prevent the youthful mind from imbibing any but official doctrines. Essential subjects such as history, literature and geography are all given a strong political bias. Disident teachers and professors are ruthlessly persecuted, and in-

struction and 'culture' are made to serve first and foremost Party ends.

"The system of 'election' and popular 'representation' are closely alike. No candidates may be put forward other than those approved by the dominant party, and the voters may only vote affirmatively or abstain.

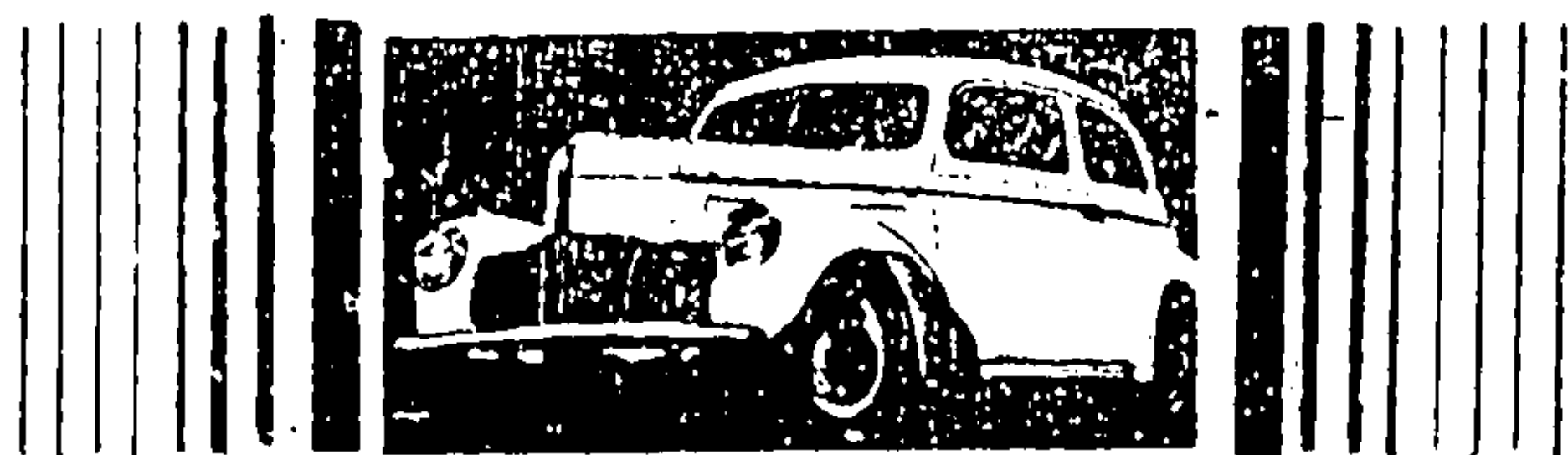
"In consequence, Nazi and Bolshevik 'parliaments' resemble each other in nature and function, being devoid of any truly representative character. The Reichstag and the Soviet Union Council are merely audiences convened occasionally to listen to and 'ratify' the decisions already taken and acted upon by Hitler and Stalin. These bodies are not even endowed with consultative powers.

"The attitude of both dictators towards religion is similar. Hitler's hatred of Christianity derives from the race of its founder. Stalin's from the militant, atheist nature of Marxist doctrine. By different paths they arrive on common ground, and it is not surprising to find them there proclaiming a common detestation of the democratic principles of liberty and political and social rights which are the ideal of western civilisation.

"Where Nazi Germany and Bolshevik Russia must eventually come into conflict," sums up Sir Paul Dukes, "is in the contradiction between the hypernationalistic ideals of Hitler and the neo-imperialistic and ultimately world-revolutionary aims of Stalin. Here clash is inevitable. But meanwhile, with slight accommodation on both sides for opportunistic purposes, they may, even though jealously watching each other's moves, travel far together in their common hatred of democracy and Christianity."

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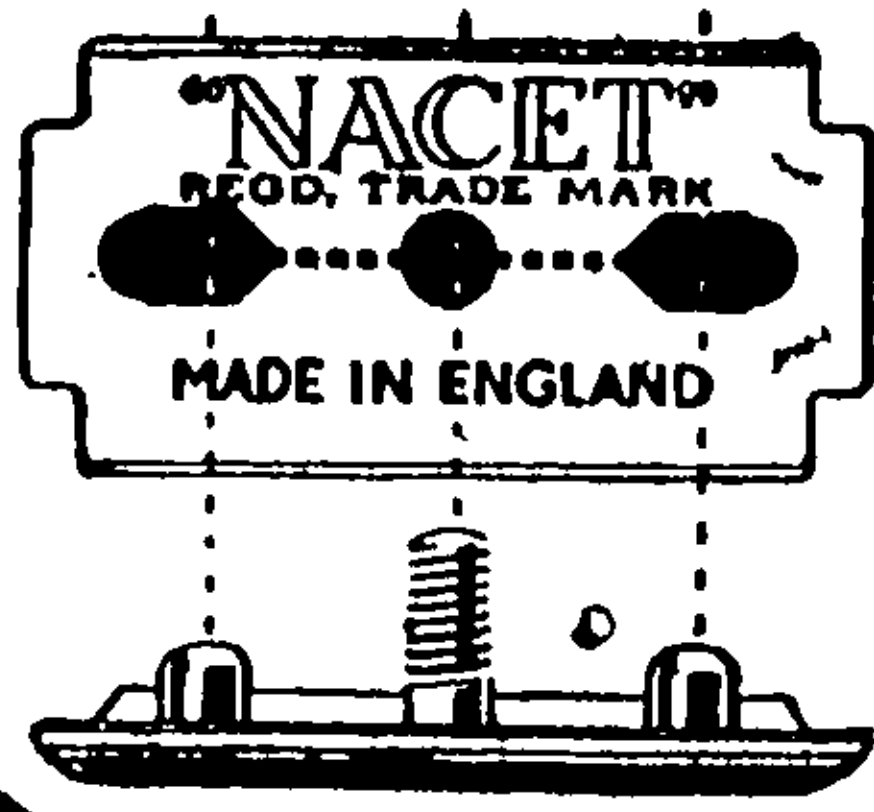
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DANCER'S DEATH MYSTERY

Police Considering
Foul Play

Sir Bernard Spilsbury went to Brighton after being summoned by Det.-Supt. Pelling, Chief of Brighton C.I.D., to help to solve the mystery of the death of Mrs. Jack Buckley, the dancer.

After a long conference with Sir Bernard and with Mrs. Buckley's son, who is in the Air Force, Supt. Pelling said:

"We must now definitely entertain the theory of foul play. There are many difficult features in the case, the most puzzling of which is the nature of Mrs. Buckley's injuries. Everything now depends on Sir Bernard's report. It is doubtful whether we will have the report before Monday."

Examination Of Window

Mrs. Buckley lived in a block of modern flats in Western Road, where she conducted a dancing academy and club, and Sir Bernard spent a considerable time examining a window from which she is believed to have fallen to the ground below. He then went to the borough mortuary, where he conducted a post mortem examination.

Mrs. Buckley was to have been remarried to Mr. Bryan MacCusworth an Air Ministry inspector, Beechwood Avenue, Brighton. He was in Birmingham at the time of the tragedy during the week-end. Shortly before her death Mrs. Buckley had given a party at her dance club in celebration of her coming wedding. She disappeared from the party shortly before midnight. When a search was made she was found dead beneath an open window of the building.

R.A.F. TAKE PIGEONS OVER GERMANY

Six thousand pigeons are at the service of the R.A.F. for bombing raids over Germany.

If a British bomber is badly damaged by A.A. fire the birds are released and they fly back to their lofts, delivering the vital messages which are attached to their legs.

The pigeons are lent to the Coastal Command by fanciers in the district, and when the bird returns to its loft the owner phones the R.A.F. command and delivers the message.

An official of the Air Ministry said: "These birds have proved their worth in this war, just as in the last."

"They are taken over every night Germany is raided."

BOMBS DROP ON SLEEPERS IN LONDON CRYPT

TWIN BROTHERS AND THEIR SISTER, ALL THREE DEAF AND DUMB, WERE AMONG 400 PEOPLE WHO WERE SHELTERING IN A CRYPT UNDER A LONDON CHURCH WHEN IT WAS HIT BY TWO HIGH EXPLOSIVES. SEVERAL WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE KILLED AND SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE WERE INJURED.

While others in the gloom of the crypt were able to call to each other to tell relatives and friends whether they were injured, the twins and their sister, unable to communicate by hand signs in the darkness, flashed torches to show where they were.

The brothers, Harry and Charles Vinall, told their experiences later to the workmates.

"The brothers are so alike that I can't tell the difference between them after working with them for twelve years," said Mr. C. Nix.

Whole Family Missing

"They say they were asleep in deck-chairs when the bombs fell and that the shock was terrific."

The bombs dropped when most of the people in the crypt were sleeping and brought down piles of masonry on to the sleepers.

The whole of one family are missing.

Four of another family were also feared to be among the dead but were afterwards found in hospital injured.

A policeman in the crypt was killed and a warden was seriously injured.

The rector, who is also a warden was cycling past the church when the bombs struck the building.

He phoned at once for aid and then helped in the rescue work.

Two young men—S. Liptrott, aged twenty and Ronald Wedderburn, aged seventeen, who were slightly injured, said: "There was no panic in the crypt. All those able to walk marched out without assistance."

"We had a dance last night in a little hall underneath the church, and we were all very merry and the girls were dressed in their dance frocks."

We hadn't long settled down when the first bomb dropped.

Trapped 6 Hours

A piano was flung about 8 ft. away from where I was resting and fell on another man, but we were able to get him out uninjured."

About 100 people were in the shelter at the time of the explosion.

A boy of fifteen was trapped in the shelter for six hours, heavy slabs of concrete pinning him down.

A doctor administered morphine, and the boy continually spoke to his rescuers and asked them for cigarettes and water.

A London hospital was also attacked during the raid.

Two high-explosive bombs

fell a few yards from one of the wards of the hospital, but they did not interfere with surgeons and nurses in the operating theatres.

"We were operating right throughout the night," said the medical superintendent.

There were no casualties, although there were patients and staff in the ward when doors and windows were blown in and plaster fell round the beds.

London and the Midlands were the main Nazi objectives during the raid, which cost the enemy two warplanes.

Both were destroyed by anti-aircraft gunfire. One was shot down at Wimborne, Dorset, the other over the Firth of Forth.

NAZIS SEIZED IN GREENLAND RAID

FROM THE FROZEN east coast of Greenland comes news of Germany's first attempt to penetrate the Western Hemisphere — an attempt to seize five vitally important meteorological stations.

It failed because the fifty members of the expedition—although fully armed with rifles, grenades and machine-guns—surrendered immediately their ship was sighted by a Norwegian patrol ship, the Frithjof Nansen, amid the pack ice.

Manned By Norwegians

The expedition ship was manned by a Norwegian crew, but the seamen did not know their destination.

Reports sent out by the five stations are extensively used by Britain and Germany in connection with aerial activity along the Norwegian west coast; they also play a big part in navigation in the Atlantic and the North Sea.

After the occupation of Denmark and Norway the Germans had doubts about the exactitude of reports given to them by Greenland stations, which were manned by Norwegians and Danes. At the beginning of the autumn the Germans decided to send out

the expedition, which included many meteorological experts. They started from Alesund, on the Norwegian west coast.

Through Ice

The expedition had to risk detection by British ships and planes patrolling the North Sea, and the ship had to pass through pack-ice in order to arrive at the Eskimo colony of Scoresbysund.

The ship carried necessary equipment to establish two complete meteorological stations, as the Germans were afraid that the Norwegian and Danish meteorologists, seeing themselves being attacked, might destroy their own stations.

The orders to the Germans were to put all the five stations under their control.

They succeeded in crossing the pack-ice, then their luck turned. The Norwegian patrol ship which sighted them became their temporary prison. They were detained and taken to the nearest port occupied by British forces.

SWEDEN FINDS GERMAN NEWS FAKES

GERMAN PROPAGANDA IS CLEVERLY USING CAMOUFLAGE TO SPREAD FALSE NEWS AND "FLY KITES" CONCERNING, NAMELY, EVENTS IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

This was revealed when it became known in Stockholm that a news agency name "S.T.B." — Scandinavian Telegram Bureau — is unknown by the London authorities and has no representative in England.

For some weeks S.T.B. messages, dated "London," have been published on the front pages of Swedish newspapers containing detailed descriptions and "eye-witness" stories of the air raids which give the impression that Britain is on the verge of collapse.

Besides this, S.T.B. has issued from "its own correspondent" anti-British news from all parts of the world, which, appearing in neutral Sweden, thus reaches many other neutral countries too.

Careful Watch

North and South American newspaper correspondents carefully watch the Scandinavian Press, sometimes reproducing, as coming from Stockholm, the information supplied by the S.T.B. agency.

One of the most characteristic announcements made by S.T.B. was when its "London correspondent" stated that the "Times" had demanded the R.A.F.'s immediate withdrawal from France. This was flashed all over the world.

Inquiries later showed that the article from which the quotation was made appeared in the Japanese — influenced "Shanghai Times." It was reproduced by the Corriere della Sera

in Italy and then phoned from Milan to Berlin.

But S.T.B. is not the only "news" agency getting material and inspiration from Berlin. It is typical of these organisations that they use the word "Scandinavian" in their names to facilitate the placing of their messages.

One named Scanen News supplies the Swedish daily paper "Aftonbladet," owned by Torsten Kreuger, brother of Ivar, who committed suicide after his match company's collapse.

Pictures From U.S.

Another is the Scandia Press, edited by Nils von Bahr, who was secretary of the Anti-Comintern Committee in Berlin.

Also interesting is the case of Bull's News Service. The editor is a brother-in-law of the manager of one of Goebbels' propaganda agencies.

Bull's has its headquarters in Copenhagen. It sells American material throughout Scandinavian countries.

It is through Bull's that the Swedish review Adam buys the colour plates of pictures published by the American magazine Esquire. Though chiefly publishing pictures of nude women, Adam has totalitarian sympathies.

The owners of Esquire, who have published anti-Axis articles, have not the slightest notion that their girls in flimsy negligees serve Nazi propaganda purposes when they arrive in

DEPEND ON PRISONERS

Lewes Prison, with 509 black-out curtains, including one in every cell, depends on the good will of each prisoner for observing the black-out.

One prisoner allowed a light to show and the Governor, Mr. Gilbert Hair, was summoned at Lewes for a black-out offence.

A police constable said that when he drew the Governor's attention to the light, Mr. Hair communicated with a warder.

When told that he would be reported, the Governor said: "We should not be more exempt than the civil population."

Mr. Hair told the Court that there were 509 black-out curtains. Curtains were provided for every cell, and every prisoner was responsible for putting up the curtain.

The case was dismissed.

Europe.

It should be pointed out, however, that the vast majority of Swedish papers are scrupulously neutral, and sift their foreign news carefully. It is principally drawn from Reuter's, Havas, D.N.B., U.P., and their own correspondents.

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IN CONTRAST to the trumpeting of Rome Radio is the admission in the "Giornale d'Italia" that Italian pilots are finding increasing difficulties in their much vaunted attacks on Britain. The paper admits the disadvantages of a personnel untrained for night flying in unknown climatic conditions, in fog and in skies "where bad weather and tempests are a normal thing. The British pilots are quite at home in these conditions, which is a great advantage."

The Messaggero makes excuses along the same lines for the failure to "vindicate the dead of Milan and Turin."

It adds: "One of the first difficulties Italian pilots have to get accustomed to after the Mediterranean and African skies is the uniformity of landscape, and that operations over Britain have to be undertaken solely with the use of instruments."

Unwilling Tribute To R.A.F.

The paper pays an unwilling tribute to the R.A.F. by saying that "for the British pilots this sort of thing is an everyday affair."

"For the Germans and British blind night flying is just as normal as navigating among icebergs and fogs for the fishermen of Iceland, but for the Italian pilots it is quite a different matter. They have generally a knowledge of the instruments necessary for blind flying, but for the most part they make use of them only in exceptional cases."

"Apart from the difficulties of training the Italian pilots quickly, the most difficult task is the insertion of the Italian air corps into the extremely complex organism of the German Luftwaffe."

Further, the article admits the difficulties of successfully evading British anti-aircraft fire, the

"range of which changes every day."

Food supplies for the Italian airmen are received from Italy. "They would run the risk of losing their fitness by a change of diet and climate," so "everything is sent from Italy, with the exception of vegetables, meat, butter, milk and eggs."

SPOILATION OF DENMARK

How merciless has been the Nazi spoliation of Denmark was described by an economic expert in London.

Instead of allowing Denmark to build up reserves of meat when feeding stuffs for her pigs and cattle began to run short, the Germans took away her livestock for slaughter in their own country.

In six weeks from the beginning of September they took 20,000 head of cattle a week, three times the normal exports to all countries.

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Q 10 5 4
K 10 9 8
7 5 4
3 2

J 9
7 2
A Q J 9 3
K 8 7 4

W. N. S.

7 3 2
A J 8 3
10 6 2
J 6 2

A K 8 6
Q 5 4
K 8
A K 10 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	1♦	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the seven of hearts a lead which spared South a guess in the play of that suit. Dummy played the nine, and East took the heart Ace and returned the ten of diamonds, South covering with the King. West took the diamond Ace and continued the suit, and South gained the lead by trumping the third diamond.

At this point, South had to win the rest of the tricks. To draw three rounds of trumps would leave dummy with only one trump for a club ruff. That would oblige South to lose a club at the end, so South wisely decided to make sure of his club ruffs before drawing trumps.

The first step was to lead the eight of spades to dummy's Queen, after which a club return allowed South to cash his Ace and King. He next ruffed a low club with one of dummy's low trumps and returned the other low trump to the trump Ace in his own hand. Since that dropped West's Jack of spades, South could safely lead his last club, ruffing with dummy's ten of trumps. The heart Queen gave South the lead to draw the last trump; and dummy's heart King won the last trick, netting South a well-earned game.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

9 4
K 8 6
A Q J 7 5
K J 3

The bidding:

You	Maler	Jacoby	Burnstone
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
(?)			

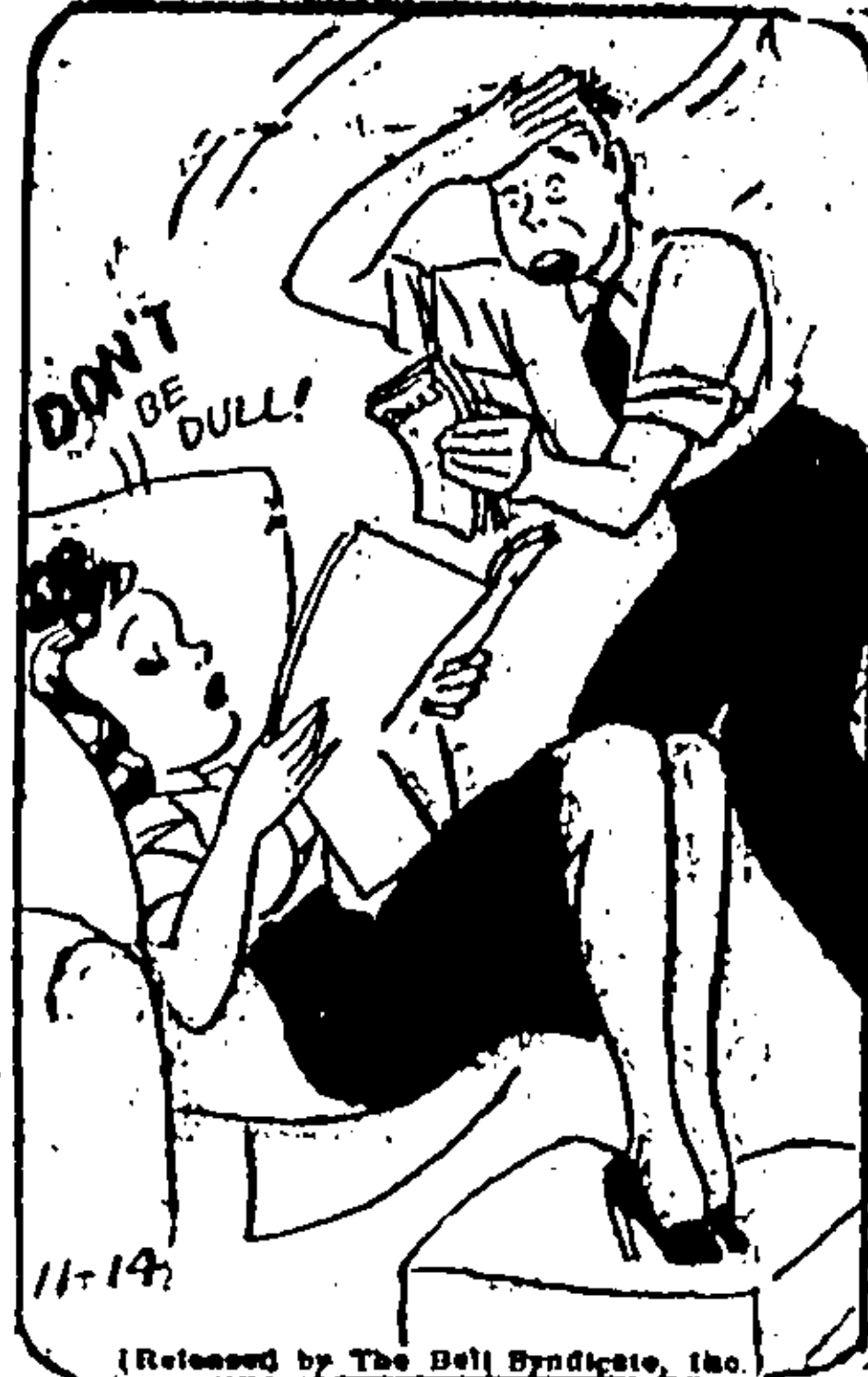


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RECRUITING BY COUNTIES

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To save men the trouble of going to a Combined Recruiting Centre, recruiting officers are visiting a number of the smaller towns in the various counties. The days on which the recruiting officers can be seen locally are announced by means of posters, advertisements in the newspapers, and lantern slides in the cinemas.

Some cinema proprietors are giving special shows of R.A.F. films. The local mayors are also cooperating whole-heartedly.

Such drives are to be organised locally from each of the 60 Combined Recruiting Centres throughout the country.

ANSWER: Pass. Your hand is very close to a minimum opening bid, and a pass at this point will show that fact. Your partner will still have another chance to bid, so there is no reason for you to bid now unless you wish to show strength.

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Question No. 606

To-day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

You	Maler	Jacoby	Burnstone
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer

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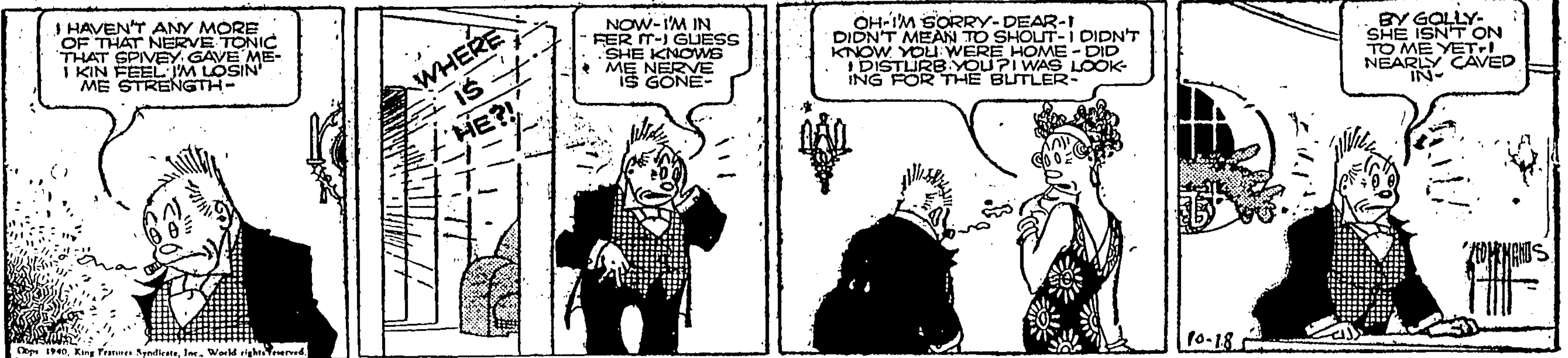
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Young Girl Cosmetics

GOOD grooming habits should be acquired at an early age. The young girl should learn to care for her skin, her hair, her body. But many mothers have been in a dilemma regarding beauty aids which were appropriate and efficacious for grooming youth. And not until recently has this problem been given the consideration due by leading cosmetologists.

Now many "young" cosmetics are making their bow so the adolescent has a choice of beauty aids, the formulas of which are milder than the cosmetics mother uses, but potent enough to do a good job in preserving, encouraging, or enhancing skin and hair beauty.

One of the most reliable cosmetic firms, for instance, has presented to the young world an ensemble of cosmetic and fragrance accessories to answer the desire of blushing debs to be gay, dainty and a bit alluring!

There is an excellent face powder beautifully blended in three youthful shades, three lipsticks appropriate for young lips—a soft pastel rose, a clear schoolgirl red, a flame for evening sophistication. For an all-weather protection there is a lip pomade. And irresistible to the adolescent who is just beginning to feel she is a woman is a bevy of bath luxuries, heavenly scented by the same perfume which inspired the entire line. Any parent would approve of the quality of these tempting cosmetics.

Parents Should Cooperate

The parent who looks scornfully on beauty aids for the young should realise that they are a great incentive to personal respect. A young girl who takes pride in keeping herself as lovely as



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possible develops a discrimination which is a great asset.

To prove this point let me tell you that most of the advanced in-

stitutions for delinquent girls have installed beauty courses in an attempt to nourish self-respect in the inmates. Directors are convinced that a girl with a proper amount of normal vanity is morally stronger than the girl who is indifferent to personal grooming.

Your young darling will obtain cosmetics in one way or another so why not help her to use those which will not harm her young beauty. Make-up, particularly, should be supervised as the harsher, deeper, strident colours which are considered smart for women have no place on a pert young face.

and tends to correct the spreading of any acne condition.

It is good to remember that you do not have to be too gentle in your skin care. In fact it is excellent to exercise the pores by deep finger massage on clean skin, scrubbings with especially designed complexion brushes, and hot and cold water splashing. Your face pores need exercising and if you do not go through a body exercising programme every day, you must resort to local massage to tone up facial muscles.

For Very Sensitive Skins

If you are convinced that your skin cannot stand brushings with soap there is a new cream which lathers like soap when rubbed into your skin. It is free from alkali and non-irritating, and we are told by the firm which presents it, it may be used with either hard or soft water. No soap is required, simply a rinsing after a massage with the cream. It too, does a nice job of deep pore cleansing.

Skin Care During Winter

SOME girls and women harbour the impression that soap and water washing should be discontinued once the cold weather sets in. This is, of course, silly. Your skin requires soap and water cleansing the year 'round, and the thermometer has little to do with it—but when you wash your face and how you wash it has a great deal to do with preserving a healthy, glowing, young-looking complexion.

One should not wash one's face with warm or hot water and soap and go out immediately afterward in cold weather. The warm water opens the pores and the quick change of temperature from indoors to outdoors will, of course, chap the skin. But if you give your skin a good deusing with chilled water, after the soap washing, the pores will be normally closed and a light protective film of cream will prevent your face from chapping.

Make certain that your soap is bland and pure. Poor soap can

cause more complexion disasters than almost anything.

Brush And Soap Companions

If you are in doubt about selecting a complexion soap do take a look at two which come with companion brushes. One soap is a creamy liquid and comes in a tube. This you squirt onto the soft complexion brush after it has been moistened with warm water. Then you scrub your moistened skin, assured that the soap you are using is bland, effective and absolutely non-irritating unless you happen to possess a skin which is so sensitive that anything you use irritates it.

Another complexion set consists of a soap containing an estimated fifteen per cent. of sulphur (which long has been regarded as a skin beautifier), and a small brush with a handle. Through a modern colloidisation this soap is made possible and it forms a luscious, creamy lather when brushed onto moistened skin with the companion brush. In fact, boys who suffer from an acne condition, might also use this sulphur lather for shaving, as it gives the pores a deep cleansing

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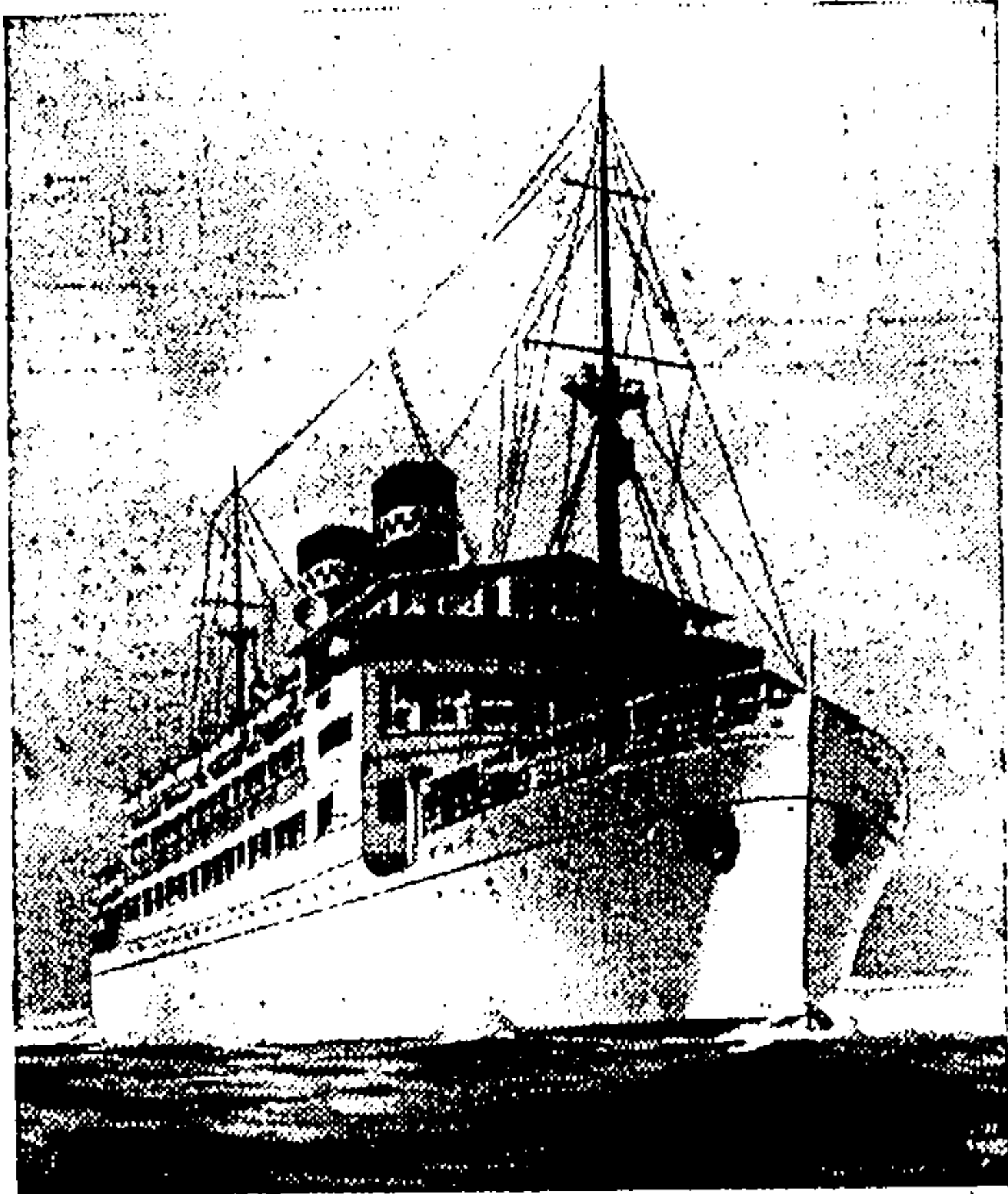
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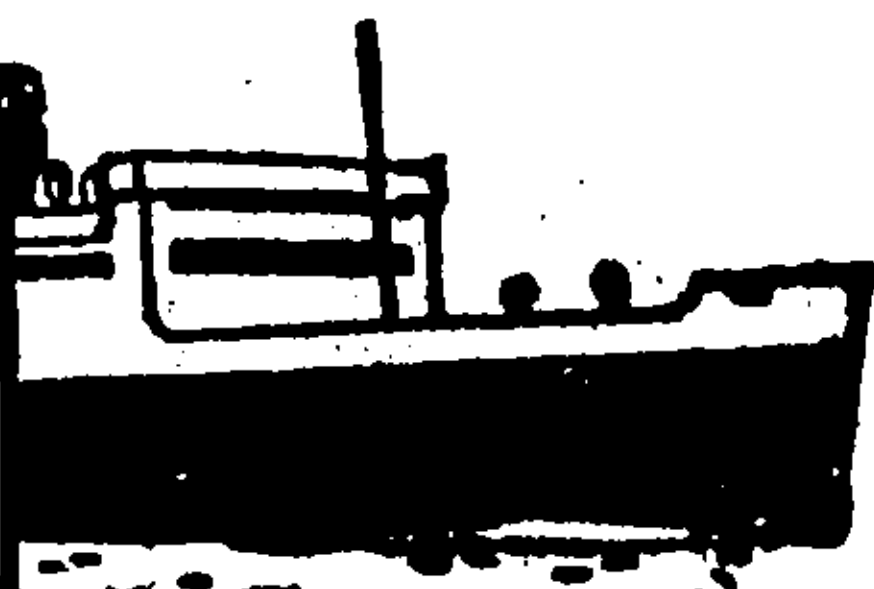
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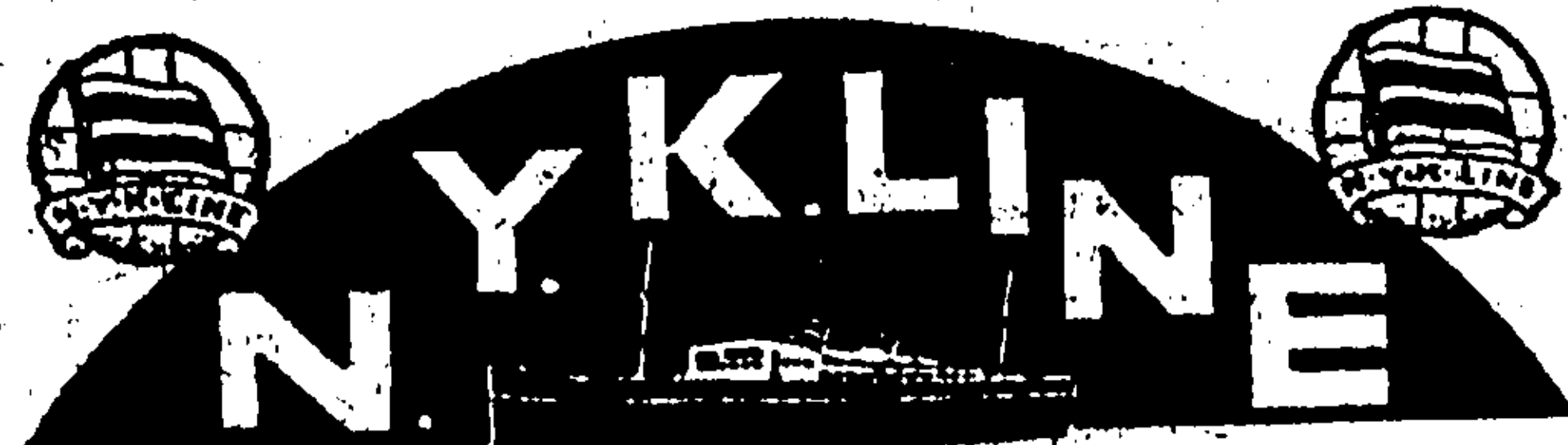
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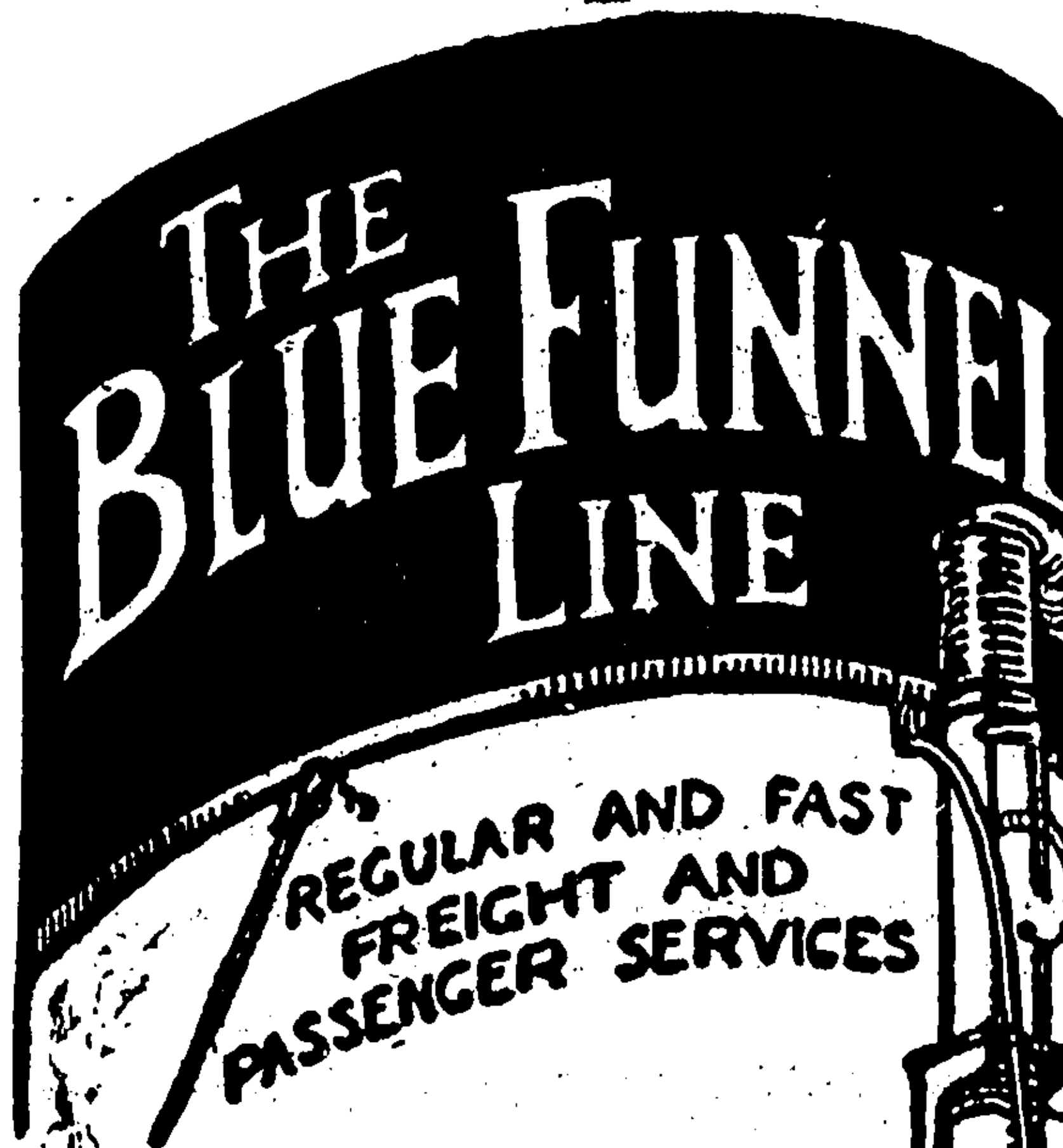
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FRENCH DISTRUST AXIS

An article written in the South of France and published in the Zurich newspaper "Volksrecht," describes the growing distrust of the Axis Powers and the Petain regime among the French people.

The communique issued after the Petain-Hitler meeting aroused certain hopes in the French public, as it was widely thought that the occupied zone would be reduced and that prisoners of war would return home, says the writer of the article.

But the broadcast by Marshal Petain dissipated these hopes. The Vichy Government's policy of secrecy about all negotiations caused a flood of rumours, which were increased by the complete lack of information in the French Press, the undignified attitude of which towards Germany is arousing criticism.

France's "War Guilt"

"It is being asked," the article says, "what interests this Press thinks to serve by attributing, before the whole world, the guilt for the war to France. Did Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, &c., renounce their willingness to cooperate with Germany—a cooperation which the Vichy Government states now lies open to France?"

The writer reveals that the French are realising that if France had tried to cooperate with Germany by refusing her aid to Poland, Hitler would have found an excuse to attack France just as he did Czechoslovakia and just as Italy did to Abyssinia, Albania and Greece.

"Frenchmen therefore fail entirely to see what improvement of her position France can hope for by assuming a guilt which is not her due," remarks the article.

TALKING IT OVER

Besides the official interrogation of R.A.F. crews on their return from raids over Germany and German-occupied territories there is often an unofficial "post-mortem" in the Flight Commander's office.

Here once again are discussed the tactics adopted by the enemy, the weakness or severity of his anti-aircraft fire, the location of targets, the weather, the number of hits scored, and a hundred and one other points of interest arising from the previous night's show.

From these informal talks there sometimes emerges additional information that helps the Flight Commander and others to build up for themselves a complete picture of the previous night's operations. During a recent talk, for instance, a pilot who had been attacking an important objective in the Ruhr gave further details of his experience.

"The anti-aircraft barrage put up by the enemy," he said, "was so severe that it looked like a well and heavily patterned curtain of fire. How the Germans failed to shoot any of us down is still a mystery. The night sky was perfectly clear and the conditions both for defence and attack were excellent. There was no difficulty in finding the actual works we were after, and we were able to see our bombs bursting right on the mark."

In answer to the Flight Commander's question as to whether the results of the bombing had been seen, the pilot said: "Yes, plainly. There was debris flying about in all directions and over the whole place there were thick clouds of dust. A few minutes later we also saw bombs from another aircraft falling right across the target, and before we could count ten, flames could be seen leaping hundreds of feet into the air. We thought at the time what a fine piece of bomb aiming it was."

At this remark another pilot chimed in: "I think, from all accounts, that those were our bombs."

This interpretation not unnaturally led to a great deal of badinage, for at the time of the attack there were several aircraft over the target.

Informal talks such as these are invariably conducted in a cheerful atmosphere, and after particular points have been discussed the meetings are usually rounded off with a good story about some personal adventure.

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Navy Upset Sing Tao's Applecart Win Thrilling Encounter By Odd Goal In Three

O'Regan & Hazard Thwart Clever Chinese Quintette

By "Referee"

Giving their best display this season and playing as a team Royal Navy dealt a serious blow to Sing Tao's First Division Championship hopes at Causeway Bay yesterday when they won by the odd goal scored.

Sing Tao played as well as usual but Navy, as the result of several judicious promotions and positional changes, were full value for their win and on no occasion were they outplayed.

Navy played typical cup tie football, featured by hard first time tackling in defence and swift and well conceived moves by the shortest path to goal in attack.

It was true that Robinson had more to do in Navy's goal than Cheung Wing-choy but Sing Tao's citadel was often in danger of falling as the result of the clever movements of the Navy forward, particularly LePage and Phippens.

Navy functioned as a team and it is rather hard to believe that most of the players have not played together before.

It would be invidious to single any Navy player for special mention as all did their share and did it well.

None was found wanting and this result has greatly boosted Navy's chances for the Shield competition.

Robinson Again

Robinson has been mentioned so often for his displays in goal that any further reference to his play yesterday would be superfluous but it must be stated that he was given excellent support by Roughley and O'Regan.

The latter was particularly brilliant with his tackling and the manner in which he cleared his lines under Chinese pressure, and if Navy has lost a forward—for O'Regan has been playing in the attack for some time—they have undoubtedly found a great back and one who is a greater asset to the team in defence than in attack.

His partner, Roughley was never far behind him in brilliance. The two covered their halves in excellent manner so that the fast Chinese forwards rarely had a real opportunity to worry Robinson.

Robinson, Roughley and O'Regan would do credit to any Interport team.

It was, however, the Navy intermediate-line that broke Sing Tao's spirit of attack. All three players came in for their share of glory. Britt at left-half had such a tight grip on Tang Kwong-sum that this speedy winger sent over few good centres and these were far between. Britt's display was featured by quick tackling which completely upset any forward



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The evergreen Honeywell was in every way Yeung Shui-yick's master. Tip-tap methods were of no avail against him and he often had the better of this winger. Added to this he sent numerous good passes to Phippens on the right wing.

Apart from scoring both goals for his side, LePage played the best game he has done in the Colony for a long time. He was the Fung King-cheong of the Navy attack. Showing good ball control at all times he passed to the best purpose and kept Phippens and Hendy well supplied with passes.

Phippens on the right-wing was prominent in the second half with several good centres, while Hendy in the centre-forward berth was always a danger. He required continual watching and played an unselfish and good game. Barber, his inside-left, and Hawkins, on the left wing, were also good. Both had had luck to handle the ball when well placed after well-planned moves.

Nothing contributed more to Sing Tao's defeat than Navy's direct methods and first time tackling.

Cheung Wing-choy brought off several good saves from high balls, but in the second half Navy were content to send the ball along the ground and chance matters.

Lee Ting-sang was safe in his clearances but Phippens was not hasty in his centring and often drew him out of position. Hau Yung-sang was good in his first time clearances and Soong Ling-sing was the outstanding player in the intermediate-line. Luk Tat-hang is not ripe for senior football. He did a lot of useful work but was not up to standard in his feeding. Chui Ah-fai has seen better days and was often outplayed and out-paced.

Stars At Disadvantage

Fung King-cheong was again the brains of the Sing Tao attack but he found that some physical attributes were necessary against Navy and for that matter so did Lai Shui-wing, who was never able to manoeuvre for a shooting position. Kwok Ying-kee's dash and speed were of no avail against Roughley and O'Regan and he was seldom dangerous.

Both wingers were too well marked to be of real danger.

In the first half Sing Tao had bad luck when Fung hit the cross-bar, and shortly after Lai Shui-wing did the same. LePage scored for Navy with a good cross shot and 10 minutes after the interval the same player increased the lead with a well placed shot. Lai Shui-wing scored for Sing Tao.

NAVY—Robinson, Roughley, O'Regan, Honeywell, Hazard, Britt, Phippens, LePage, Hendy, Barber, Hawkins.

SING TAO—Cheung Wing-choy, Hau Yung-sang, Lee Tin-hang, Tsui Ah-fai, Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tat-hang, Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-kee, Lai Shui-wing, Yeung Shui-yick.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION		
R. Navy	2	Sing Tao
Kwong Wah	3	R. Scots
SECOND DIVISION		
Kwong Wah	0	Engineers
R. Scots	6	Police
Service Corps	1	R. Navy
THIRD DIVISION		
A.S.A.	0	Air Force

SCOTS DO WELL AGAINST KWONG WAH

By "Sportshawk"

Fielding a team chiefly composed of players who represented Scotland against China in the "Sunday Herald" Charity match, which they won by 6 goals to 5 Royal Scots yesterday, at Boundary Street, fully extended Kwong Wah in First Division of the Football League.

The match resulted in a narrow win for the Chinese by the odd goal in five, after two goals were shared at the end of the first half. Bankier, the Scots' goalie, was very safe, while Fraser distinguished himself at left-back.

Munro played a good game in the half-back line, in which Falconer also was impressive.

The attack was best served by Hossack, the Colony Interporter, who was always dangerous in the Chinese circle, while Walker and Fleming assisted the Interporter to a great extent.

Lee Shines

For the Chinese Lee Kwok-kee was undoubtedly the best player. He saved numerous good shots attempted by the Scots, in addition to a penalty kick taken by Hossack.

Chung Fai-lam was the best of the Chinese backs. Cheung Shu-fai, the pivot, distributed well but neglected his spoiling, while Wong King-chung was a speedy left-winger and worked very hard in the attack, in which Chin Chi-fan and Lau Fok-tsun were also outstanding.

Kwong Wah drew first blood through Wong King-chung about 10 minutes after the start, but Walker equalised from a corner kick from Clark.

Mid-field play was the feature for the great part of the second half. Tin Yung-fat gave the Chinese the lead about 15 minutes from the end.

Shortly after, the Scots were awarded a penalty kick which was, however, saved by Lee.

Auld put the Scots on level terms after, but Lau Fok-tsun scored the deciding goal for the Chinese about five minutes from the end.

KWONG WAH—Lee Kwok-kee, Chung Fai-lam, Leung Pak-wai, Cheung Shu-fai, Chung Kam-fat and Yeung Cheung; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yung-fat, Chin Chi-fan, Lau Fok-tsun, and Wong King-chung.

ROYAL SCOTS—Bankier, Navsmith and Fraser; Munro, Falconer and Clark; Garrie, Hossack, Auld, Fleming and Walker.

SOFTBALL RESULTS

GIRLS	
Canuckettes	27-10 Los Florinos
Wildcats	11-10 Panthers
Wahoos	13-10 Ramblettes
MEN	
First Division	
Cyclones	8-1 Indians
H.K. Baseballers	6-1 Recreio
Second Division	
St. Joseph's	8-1 Chinese Base
Third Division	
Chung Wah	8-1 Recreio Base
Royal Air Force	18-1 Cosmopol
INTER-MED	
South China	14-1 Royal Scots
FRIENDLY	
U.S.S. Mindanao	6-1 Central B

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

Cricket

The Junior Cricket League started on Saturday with a programme of three matches. The Champions, Police Recreation Club, were badly beaten by their neighbours, Craigengower Cricket Club, while Kowloon Cricket Club had a convincing win over Indian Recreation Club. Civil Service did very well to get Recreio out for 40. Stone doing the "hat-trick" but their batting let them down badly and they in their turn were skittled out for a miserable 40.

Best batting feat of the afternoon was Griffiths' 74 for Club against Craigengower, while bowling honours were fairly evenly divided.

BATTING

R. H. Griffiths	74
E. Zimmern	69
J. Fenton	68
E. A. Lee	55
K. M. Baxter	47
A. M. Rodrigues	31
J. A. Soares	31

BOWLING

A. M. Omar	5 for 20
R. Baldwin	5 for 21
S. Mahmood	5 for 28
W. S. Gegg	5 for 27
G. Stone	5 for 30
E. L. Gosano	5 for 45
M. Remedios	4 for 7
P. M. N. da Silva	4 for 16
D. McLellan	4 for 22
O. V. Cheung	4 for 34
J. Hulse	4 for 42

Football

Ordinance provided the surprise on Saturday by beating South China Juniors by the odd goal in three. In the same division Middlesex were trounced by 7 goals to 2 by Sing Tao.

Kowloon fully extended Eastern in First Division at Chatham Road and after having most of the play in the second half lost 5-3.

LEADING LEAGUE GOAL-SCORERS

Following are the leading goal scorers in the three divisions of the Football League.

First Division

Hendy (Navy)	17
Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao)	15
Hau Ching-to (Eastern)	15
Lee Wal-tong (S. China)	15
V. K. Hyul (Eastern)	11
Chan Tak-fai (S. China)	13
Kwak Yin-ki (Sing Tao)	12
Hawlett (Police)	10
Fowler (Club)	9
Cheuk Shek-kam (K. Wah)	9
Hossack (R. Scots)	9
Blake (Kowloon)	8
Saw (Middlesex)	8

Second Division

Fox (R.E.s)	26
Jennings (Middlesex)	24
Lee Wal-lam (R.E.s)	24
Auld (R. Scots)	22
Li Tse-ho (S. China)	16
Sadler (R.A.S.C.)	16
Martin (R.A.S.C.)	14
Clark (R.A.S.C.)	13
Chan Cheung-yin (S. China)	13
Petrang (R.E.s)	12
Wo Shu-chung (Sing Tao)	12
Morgan (R.A.S.C.)	10
Hound (30th R.A.)	9

Third Division

Jones (R.E.s)	18
Wright (Signals)	13
Barrett (24th R.A.)	12
Whitman (30th R.A.)	11
Moore (12th R.A.)	11
Brown (30th R.A.)	10
MacKinnon (R.A.F.)	10
Atkins (24th R.A.)	9
Bundy (Signals)	9
Kaye (Interport)	8
Ray (R.A.F.)	8
Hay (Interport)	8
Jones (30th R.A.)	7
Crane (30th R.A.)	7

Rugby

Club completed their Quadrangular fixtures on Saturday and secured the runners-up position when they beat Army by 5-3. The game was not played in the best of spirit and the referee had to caution some players.

Club "A" beat Middlesex in a friendly game by 14 points to 9.

ERNIE ZIMMERN SCORES 64

UNIVERSITY, WHO HAVE BEEN SHOWING SIGNS OF A BIG CRICKET REVIVAL THIS YEAR, FURTHER DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES YESTERDAY, WHEN THEY HAD THEIR FAIR SHARE OF A DRAWN GAME WITH THEIR PAST STUDENTS IN THE ANNUAL MATCH.

Scoring was high, the Past being only one run short of their second century for the loss of 7 wickets, and the undergraduates replying with 166 for 8.

Past started off well, Anderson and Hung, the K.C.C. opening pair, adding 30 for the first wicket; Anderson and Rumjahn 42 for the second, and 90 runs were on the board for the loss of only three wickets. Two further wickets then fell without addition but there the undergraduates' run of success ended.

Ernie Zimmern, who topped the 60 mark on Saturday for Craigengower against Club, was again in great form with the bat and, in association with his brother Francis, he added 67 for the sixth wicket to enable a declaration to be made at 139 for 7. Ernie was at the wickets for 75 minutes and hit 11 fours in his 64 scored out of 107.

Consistent Batting

University lost Matthews with their score at 16 but thereafter consistent batting enabled them to get within 33 of their opponents' total with two wickets in hand. Francis Zimmern and Anderson bowled fairly effectively for Past but Ozorio, the Recreio opening bowler, was hit for 72 runs in 17 overs, while taking two wickets. His first eight overs yielded only 23 runs but later he was badly punished.

PAST

D. J. N. Anderson, b Gegg	38
D. Hung, b Gegg	15
A. H. Rumjahn, b Mahmood	22
J. L. Youngsaye, b N. Singh	9
E. Zimmern, b Mahmood	64
F. I. Zimmern, c Mahmood, b Gegg	0
F. R. Zimmern, c Mahmood, b Vanar	29
G. Hong Choy, not out	7
P. M. N. da Silva, not out	1
Extras (B6, LB5, NB4)	15

Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 199
C. W. Lam, G. Abraham and H. L. Ozorio did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W.
Mahmood	17	4	67	4
Gegg	14	2	59	3
N. Singh	7	1	29	1
S. A. Vanar	2	0	28	1
Mahmood, bowled four no-balls.				
UNIVERSITY				
K. Y. Tam, c Hung, b Anderson				14
C. N. Matthews, b Ozorio				3
L. T. Ride, c Youngsaye, b Ozorio				30
W. S. Gegg, b Anderson				12
K. S. Oh, run out				26
J. Fenton, not out				37
N. Singh, c Lam, b F. R. Zimmern				7
T. T. Chin, b F. R. Zimmern				9
K. Lo, b F. R. Zimmern				0
N. C. Sen Gupta, not out				1
Extras (B18, LB9)				27

Total (for 8 wks.) 166
S. Mahmood and S. A. Vanar did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W.
F. R. Zimmern	9	2	23	3
Ozorio	17	4	72	2
Lam	2	1	10	0
Anderson	6	1	14	2
Silva	3	0	11	0
Hong Choy	2	0	9	0

Miss Alice Marble Leaves Amateur Ranks With No Regrets

Thrilled At New Opportunities Now Open

To Continue Her Musical Education

THE WOMEN'S National tennis sky missed its brightest star, but a new light of hope shone in the eyes of tournament entrants who for years have found their paths to the championship blocked by the tall figure of Alice Marble, writes a New York correspondent.

The blonde Californian, 27 years old, announced that she had turned professional, that she would play her first match in Madison Square Garden Jan. 6, and that she would receive a minimum guarantee of \$25,000 plus a percentage of the receipts for a four and one-half month tour under the direction of Jack Harris of Chicago.

Harris said the itinerary of the tour has not been arranged, but there was a possibility the second match would be in Chicago.

Budge And Tilden

Miss Marble's partners on the tour will be Don Budge, Bill Tilden, and a still unnamed woman player. Harris said he is negotiating with a well-known amateur player who is awaiting permission of her parents before accepting his offer.

It was reported the player in question is Ruth Mary Hardwick, English Wightman Cup star.

Winner of 23 National championships here and abroad, undefeated since meeting Helen Jacobs at Wimbledon in 1938, Miss Marble leaves the amateur field with no regrets.

"My heart was set on being a tennis champion," she said. "Amateur tennis has given me all it can, and I wouldn't play another season."

I am really thrilled, as for the first time in my life I will have the time and the money to do the things I've always wanted to do."

Many Avocations

The "things" include continuing her musical education and doing something in radio. She already includes dress designing and lecture work among her many avocations.

Miss Marble's championships include the U.S. singles titles in 1936, '38, '39 and '40, and the singles crown at Wimbledon in 1939. She is particularly proud of winning the National mixed doubles championship four times with four different partners.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

DRAW FOR FIRST ROUND

Following is the draw for the First Round of the Junior Championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

L. Jackson v N. D. Lloyd
J. Linaker v D. J. Valentine
Capt. Thursby v F. A. Redmond
S. L. Lloyd v J. E. Richardson
R. D. Gillespie v P. V. McLane
J. M. Thomson v A. J. Dennis
C. W. E. Bishop v F. N. Merritt
E. G. Price v P. Morrison

Following qualified for the match play stages of the Junior Championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling yesterday:—

A. J. Dennis + (75); J. E. Richardson, and F. N. Merritt — (82); N. D. Lloyd — (84); L. Jackson — (86); D. J. Valentine, and F. A. Redmond — (87); S. L. Lloyd, J. Linaker, P. V. McLane, R. D. Gillespie, and J. M. Thomson + (88); P. Morrison, E. G. Price, Capt. Thursby, and C. W. E. Bishop — (89).

COULD HAVE BEEN GREAT SPRINTER

Bob Zupke insists Red Grange could have been one of the world's greatest sprinters if he had concentrated on track.

"I clocked him in 10 seconds flat for the 100," says the Illinois coach, "and he was running in street clothes. I'm a conservative timer, too."

HOCKEY RESULTS

Following are yesterday's hockey results:—

Royal Engineer	1	Khalsa	3
A. N. Other XI	3	Police "B"	4
Gunboats	0	C.B.A.	6
Destroyers	0	Police "A"	4
Signal's	2	5th A.A. "A"	0

ARMY MISS CHANCES

By "Scrum-Half"

Army, the most disappointing team in this season's Quadrangular Rugby Tournament, lost to Club on Saturday by a kick, the score being 5 points to 3 after they had been in arrears at the interval.

As in the match against Navy, the threequarters were given many opportunities as the result of Ford's fine hooking, but poor handling and passing held them up rather than the defensive abilities of Club.

Club, who can consider themselves fortunate to have won, were well served by Thompson, Charter, Kennedy, Needham, Macrae and Thomas, while Army's more prominent players were Coombes, the man of the match, Milhar, Duke, Ford, Pinkerton and Gilham.

Next Saturday Army play their final fixture, when they meet Police, the only side they have beaten, and a week on Wednesday the Tournament will be concluded when the unbeaten Navy team meet Police at Causeway Bay.

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ATTEMPT TO STEM TIDE

Italian Crack Troops On Elbasan-Durazzo Road

TASK OF AMERICAN CONGRESS

The American press was much concerned yesterday with the weighty decisions now to be made by the new Congress.

President Roosevelt's message to Congress will be delivered today, and it is expected he will outline his new proposal for helping Britain and defending the United States.

Congress leaders expect a proposal for the creation of a new Federal Corporation to handle the President's plans.

A large amount of capital will be necessary.

The general plea of the American press is that Congress should establish unity of action and abandon political partisanship.

It is not expected, however, that Congress will be a mere docile instrument agreeing with all the President's suggestions.

There will be a vigorous discussion over domestic and foreign policy, but it is not thought that opposition to President Roosevelt will be strong enough to defeat his measures, although it may delay them. — *Reuter*.

HOLD-UP ON N.W. FRONTIER

Fifty armed hostiles held up a Bannu-bound passenger bus yesterday and kidnapped four, two of whom were released later.

The others, including a pensioner subedar, were taken across the border, says a *Reuter* despatch from Peshawar.

Intense Cold Hampers Operations

LAST-MINUTE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY THE ITALIANS TO STEM THE GREEK DRIVE ON ELBASAN WHILE REMNANTS OF THE DUCE'S CRACK TROOPS FORTIFY THE ROUTE TO ELBASAN FROM THE MAIN PORT OF DURAZZO.

The Italian left flank is still not far from Podgradetz, while the intense cold, bitter winds, and the nightmare of frostbite make a rapid advance impossible.

Larger supplies of proper boots and equipment are urgently required by the Greeks whose morale, despite the tremendous hardships, remains unconquerable.

At certain places in the front line, far from the nearest point which motorised transport and even mules, can reach, heavy artillery must be dragged up by hand. — *Reuter*.

VICHY POLITICS

BROADCASTS FROM UNOCUPIED FRANCE HAVE AS YET MADE NO MENTION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A TRIUMVIRATE — CONSISTING OF ADMIRAL DARLAN, GENERAL HUNTZIGER AND M. FLANDIN — TO RULE FRANCE UNDER MARSHAL PETAIN.

A German-controlled Havas despatch denies the appointment of the triumvirate, but this, too, has not been broadcast from Vichy. — *Reuter*.

R.A.F. Attacks Targets At Elbasan

A highly successful raid on road junctions and other military objectives at Elbasan by British bombers on Saturday was reported by R.A.F. Headquarters in Athens yesterday.

All bombs fell on the town and a number of fires were started. Elbasan is now the most important and vital Italian inland base in central Albania.

The Greek fighting north of Podgradetz where, according to latest available information, further Greek local progress was made on Saturday, is aimed at threatening Elbasan from the east, while Greek pressure on the coastal sector and Tepelini and Klisura threatens the town from the south-west approach.

Direct Hits

Photographs taken over Elbasan show that many direct hits were made on buildings and a number of fires started.

A reconnaissance flight over Tripoli on January 1 proved that during the raid on the previous night, when shipping in the harbour was attacked, one motor vessel of 10,000 tons, which was anchored in mid-harbour, was sunk.

Numerous reconnaissance flights were carried out on all fronts.

From all operations all aircraft returned with the exception of one fighter in the Western Desert. — *Reuter*.

BARDIA CAPITULATES ENTIRE GARRISON SURRENDERS

(Continued from Page 1)

Severe Blow

The spokesman also emphasised that the capture of Bardia—first Italian township to fall—is another severe blow to Italian prestige, while the capture of 15,000 prisoners, with the promise of more to come, means that Graziani's army, destined for the invasion of Egypt, no longer exists.

In fact, it has been disposed of in less than a month.

Meanwhile, a detachment of Marines of the Free French Forces succeeded in cutting the road between Bardia and Tobruk, announces the press service of Free France in London.

West Of Bardia

It adds that at the time of this success this detachment was patrolling west of positions still held by the Italians.

In the Sudan, the announcement adds, detachments of Spahis had various encounters with enemy patrols which were rapidly scattered and left behind several dead. — *Reuter*.

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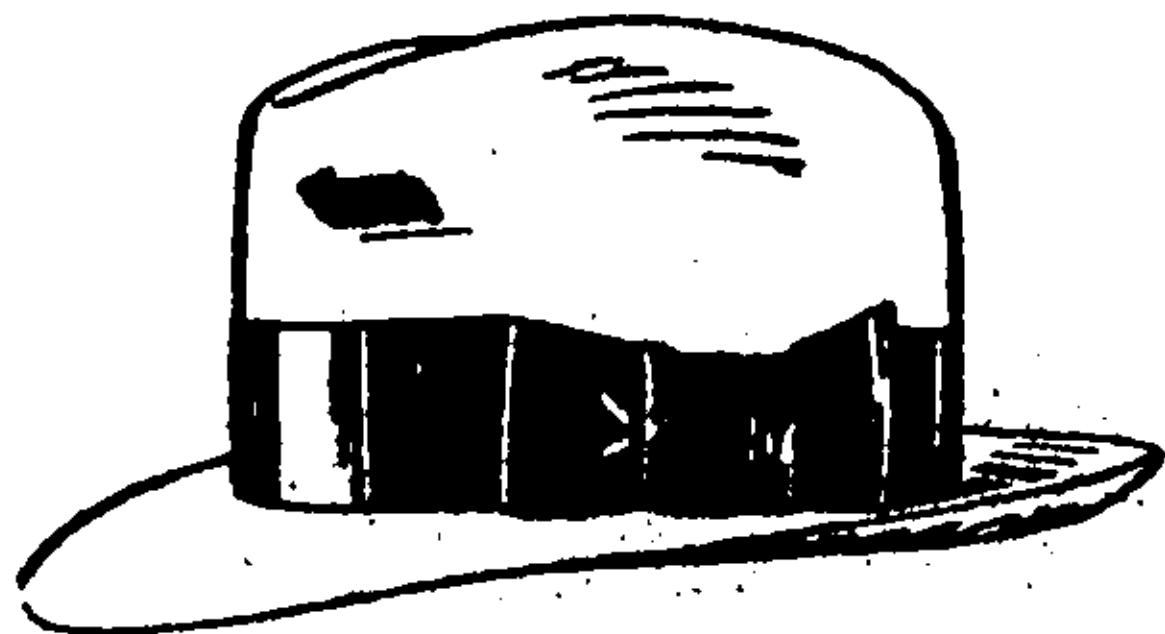


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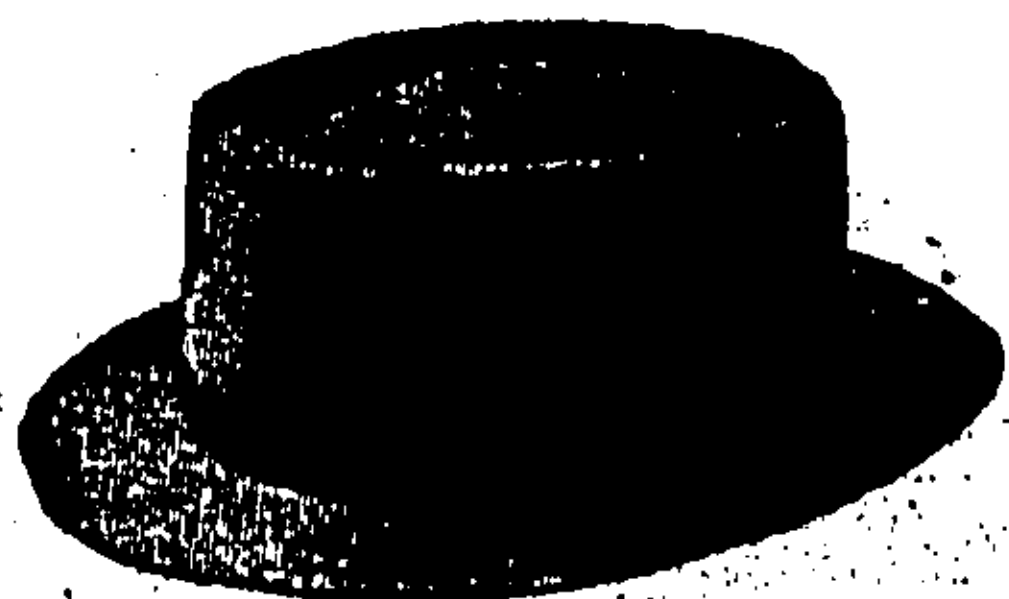


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DEATH

DAVIDSON — On January 4th, 1941, Flying Officer J. P. A. Davidson, dearly loved only son of Edgar & Eva Davidson, reported killed in an aircraft accident.

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BLANK CHEQUE FOR AID TO BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington officials yesterday disclosed that President Roosevelt plans to ask Congress to-day for blank cheque authority to handle a multi-billion dollar lease or loan British aid programme.

The 3,000-word message which the President was whipping into shape last night is awaited with the keenest anticipation since President Woodrow Wilson's message asking for a declaration of war in 1917.

President Roosevelt's intimates predict he will ask for a British aid programme far in excess of any figure thus far speculated. Eventual outlay may reach \$17,000,000.

The President's Message to-day will be supplemented on Wednesday by the annual Budget Message, which, it is learned authoritatively, will ask \$10,000,000,000 for defence and will slash Relief and other non-defence activities by a billion.

The Budget Message will also recommend new taxes to raise an addition billion. — International News Service.

U.S. NAVAL AIR DISASTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Eleven U.S. Navy airmen were killed when a naval transport plane crashed in a rainstorm in the mountains 35 miles south-east of San Diego, Cal., yesterday. — International News Service.

H.K. BORDER MANOEUVRES

MANOEUVRES WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO LAST THREE DAYS WERE STARTED BY THE JAPANESE AND CHINESE PUPPET FORCES, STATIONED BETWEEN SHAMCHUN AND NAMTAU, THIS MORNING, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE BORDER.

Part of the manoeuvres are being staged along the coast near Namtau where landing operations and shore defence exercises in the form of mimic battles are being carried out.

An unconfirmed report states that the Japanese have conscripted Chinese villagers to work on a seaplane base at Namtau.

Epic Termination Of Spectacular 20-Day Siege

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRITISH AND IMPERIAL TROOPS HAVE COMPLETED THE OCCUPATION OF BARDIA FOLLOWING THE SURRENDER OF THE BEATEN AND EXHAUSTED REMNANT OF THE ITALIAN GARRISON AND THE CAPTURE OF THE COMMANDER, GENERAL BERGANZOLI, WITH 25,000 SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS.

Seizure of the coastal base crowned with success a spectacular 20-day siege climaxed by 36 hours of air, land and sea blitzkrieg.

Huge quantities of munitions and supplies were captured, including 50 light tanks.

The capture marks the greatest British military victory of the war, the official communique saying: "All resistance in Bardia ceased at 1 p.m. on Sunday."

"General Berganzoli and other corps commanders, including four senior generals, are prisoners," the communique added. The Italian tricolour was lowered at Government House and the Union Jack hoisted.

The surrender came as Australian infantry mopped up the last resistance in the south-east corner of the fortified area.

Bardia Ablaze

Mussolini had ordered General Berganzoli to hold Bardia at all costs but the general raised the white flag rather than risk wholesale massacre.

Bardia is ablaze with many fires kindled by bombs and shells.

French Marines aided the capture by holding the westward road and cutting off escape. Australian shock troops were constantly in the van. — International News Service.

FLYING FORTRESS' RECORD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A new U.S. Army "Flying Fortress" yesterday completed a non-stop endurance flight at Dayton (Ohio) of 3,000 miles in 12 hours 55 minutes. The giant machine circled Ohio and Texas.

Patterson Field officers said the flight constitutes a new record for big bombers.

The four-motored Boeing flew at 15,000 feet except when a storm forced it down to 6,000. — International News Service.

MR. HOPKINS OFF BY CLIPPER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to London, is leaving by Clipper for Britain to-day for a several weeks stay. — International News Service.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

LONDON WATCHERS DEFEAT THE FIRE RAIDERS

AN ENEMY RAIDER attacked East Anglia in daylight yesterday and dropped a few bombs which did a small amount of damage and injured a few people.

Elsewhere in East Anglia machine-gun attacks by single raiders were reported.

One plane dived to open fire on cattle in a field but the animals escaped unhurt. The alert was sounded after dusk in London last evening.

Gunfire was heard and bursts of incendiary bombs were dropped in one district. Heavy anti-aircraft fire greeted these early raiders.

Fire-watchers scored a signal success during the Luftwaffe's visit to London last night.

Not One Fire

When three successive waves of raiders dropped hundreds of incendiary bombs in one district, fire-watchers acted with such promptness that not a single bomb was alight long enough to cause a fire.

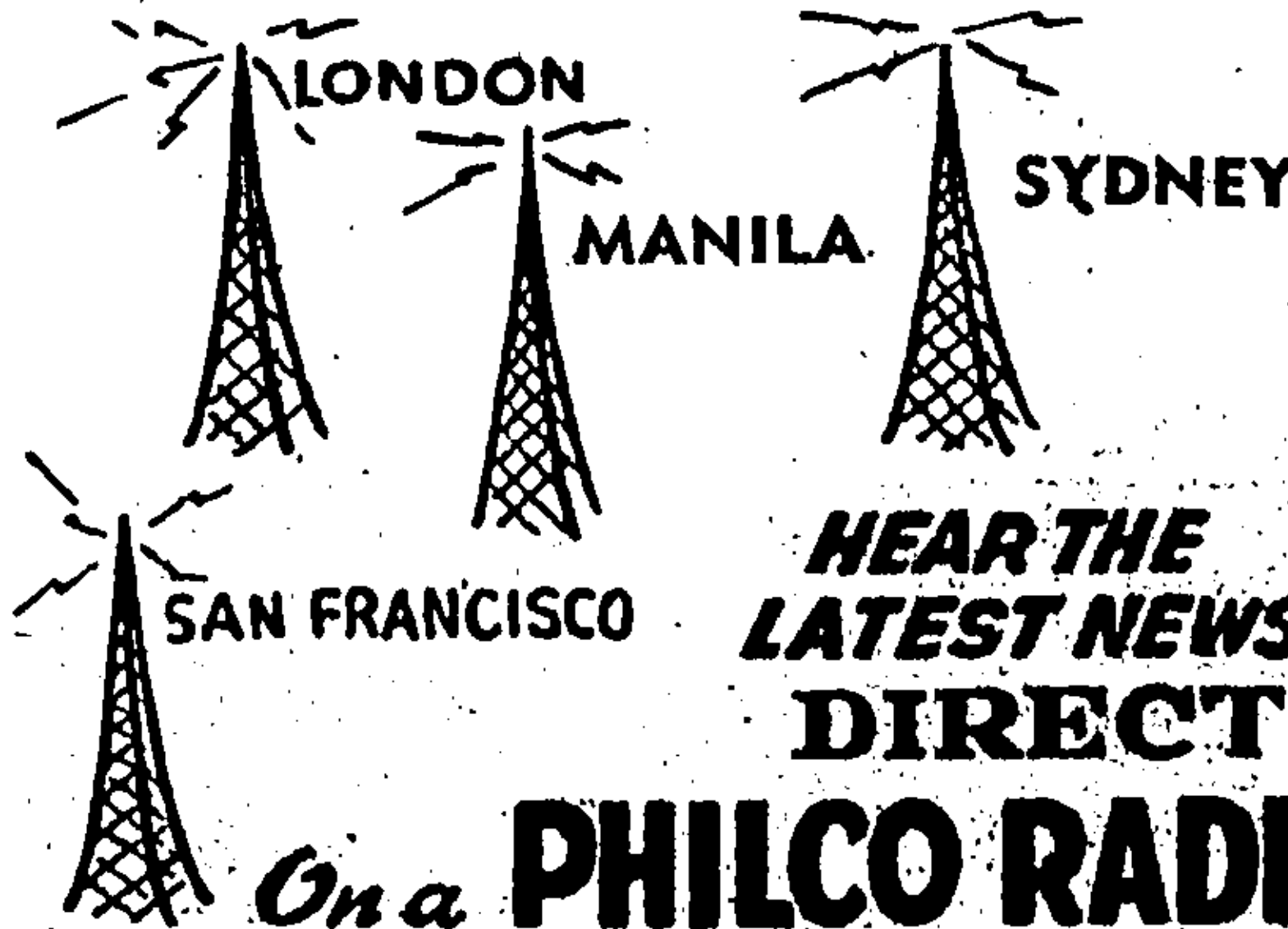
Enemy planes were also reported from Liverpool, from a town in the East Midlands and towns in north-west and north-east England. — Reuter.

VICHY ANNOYS NAZIS

The Wilhelmstrasse is very dissatisfied with the resignation of Paul Baudoin, Chief of the Prime Minister's Office in the Vichy Government, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Zürich newspaper "La Suisse" yesterday.

The correspondent says his departure is regarded as a sign of very great divergences of opinion within the Vichy Government and the existence of a group of Ministers who are sabotaging Franco-German collaboration.

Although the Wilhelmstrasse says German patience is at an end the correspondent adds that no sensational events are expected immediately. — Reuter.



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AUSSIES WORK TO TIME-TABLE

Go Through Defences Of Bardia Like Express Train

Carry Everything Before Them

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at British Headquarters in the Western Desert)

THE AUSTRALIANS, BACKED UP BY BRITISH ARMoured FORCES, DASHED THROUGH BARDIA LIKE AN EXPRESS TRAIN; THEY CARRIED OUT PERFECTLY TO TIME-TABLE THE OPERATIONS PLANNED BY THEIR COMMANDERS.

ITALY WARNED OF NEW BLOW

More than a hint that things are not going too well around Bardia for the Fascists was made in a broadcast over Rome Radio late yesterday afternoon by Signor Ansaldo, Mussolini's "No. 2 mouth-piece."

"To-day's communique states that the battle of Bardia continues," said Signor Ansaldo. "Is it still continuing while we are speaking?"

"It is possible that in spite of the loss of these outposts our men are still holding the enemy."

"It is also possible that our men have been forced to yield to the enormous concentration of men and material Wavell has massed on the Cyrenaica front. Efforts to minimise enemy successes we do not like."

"If Bardia falls, it will be a new British success — local, if you like — but still a considerable one and a sad piece of news for us." — Reuter.

"Source Of Pride"

Ansaldo was preparing the Italian public for news of the fall of Bardia.

The German news agency quotes him as saying: "Whatever the fate of Bardia may be, at whatever hour it may fall, the heroic deeds of her defenders call for the thanks of all Italians."

He added that the defence of Bardia by General Berganzoli for 20 days was a source of pride to Italy.

Bardia, he continued, was not a fortress, it was merely equipped with entrenchments, and that the Italians held out was due solely to their heroism.

Ansaldo stated that the military results of the defence were clearly recognised. It had stopped the English offensive and given Italian troops in Libya time to rally. — Reuter.

PREMIER'S THANKS

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL HAS SENT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIER ON THE "MAGNIFICENT MANNER IN WHICH THE AUSTRALIAN OFFENSIVE AGAINST BARDIA HAS OPENED."

Mr. Churchill adds: "The piercing of the western sector and the capture of at least 5,000 prisoners in itself constitutes a fine feat of arms and is, I trust and believe, the prelude to even greater success." — Reuter.

CRICKET IN INDIA

Led by the Maharajah of Patiala, the Viceroy's XI (302 and 180 for 7) beat the Bengal Governor's XI, led by C. K. Nayudu (364 and 123) in a match in aid of war funds at Calcutta yesterday. — Reuter.

The time-table was prepared at advanced headquarters near the Libyan frontier. Each stage of the attack was worked out in the minutest detail and all were carried out in accordance with the most optimistic hopes.

During the past fortnight guns, ammunition, water and petrol have been streaming up to the front, and then for two nights and one day a thorough plastering of the port by the Navy and R.A.F. prepared the way for a land attack at dawn on Friday.

At the crack of dawn the Australians, protected by tanks, went in on the western side of the perimeter of Bardia's defences, roughly opposite the port, spread out south-eastwards and attacked the defenders from the rear and flank.

A day and a half of fighting sufficed to mop up the entire southern half of the defences, except for a clump in the extreme south-east corner where the terrain is rocky and intersected with small ravines, in which some of the defenders were taking refuge.

The speed of these operations was astonishing, but even more astonishing is the fact that the same period has been sufficient to clean up the northern half of the defences.

Not A Barrier

One deep ravine, named Waddi Gerfan, cuts almost clear across the circle of defences westwards from Bardia, forming a natural barrier against tanks, but it was no barrier to the Australians.

They simply charged across it, pouring bullets from their guns.

Despite the courage and dash with which the Australians carried out the action it is understood that their casualties were not heavy.

In addition to 15,000 prisoners the British are now in possession of almost all the guns with which Bardia was defended, together with stores and ammunition.

Main Forward Base

As the town is cleaned up it is probable that other stores will be found, because the port was Graziani's main forward base for the Egyptian-Libyan frontier.

The problem of what to do with the thousands of prisoners is much easier for the British authorities to solve now than last time, for an organisation has been established behind the lines to enable prisoners to be rapidly dealt with.

The problem is also made more simple by the willingness of the majority of the Italians to be captured.

The more northern half of the defences of Bardia is believed to include a number of Italians who already participated in the retreat from Fort Capuzzo and Sidi Barrani.

These men are understood to have been disheartened by their experiences and immediately surrendered when the Australians were sighted at Bardia.

THE AUSSIE COMMANDER

Major-General Mackay, who commands the division of Australians, part of which undertook the operations resulting in the surrender of 15,000 Italians in the Bardia area, is headmaster of Cranbrook School, Sydney.

He was in command of the Fourth Battalion of Australian Infantry from 1916 to 1918 and the First Infantry Brigade from

ITALIAN ARMY'S PROBLEM

Italian soldiers captured by the Greeks frequently break into songs which are loudly cheered by their comrades.

The special correspondent of the Athens newspaper "Ehtnos" makes this statement in the course of an article when he discusses the question whether or not Italian soldiers can fight.

His conclusion is that Italian soldiers can fight but that the present war simply does not inspire them.

He says that officers who gained their rank prior to the advent of Fascism are profoundly distressed at the reverses suffered by the Italian arms and consider Fascism responsible for their humiliations.

Faith Lacking

The younger officers, imbued with the fanatic spirit of Fascism, do their best but without success to prevent captured rankers from expressing their views.

Reserve officers with whom the correspondent spoke expressed views similar to those of the ordinary soldiers.

"Generally speaking," the correspondent concludes, "faith and elan appear to be qualities completely lacking among Italian officers and men." — Reuter.

FRENCH MISSION BOMBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A FRENCH MISSIONARY CHURCH IN KUNMING WAS AMONG THE MANY BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY JAPANESE BOMBERS YESTERDAY.

A fleet of nine bombers escorted by some fighters reached Kunming at 11.30 a.m. and were kept high by Chinese A.A. batteries.

The bombs were dropped in the north-east part of the city, resulting in buildings being demolished and a number of casualties.

The alarm was lifted at 3 p.m. — Our Own Correspondent.

the middle of 1918. — British Wireless.



Firemen, muddled with their night's labour, refreshed with tea by nuns of a convent in South West London that was hit by Nazi bombs. (Copyright, Fox).

GALLANTRY OF THE TROOPS

Military commentators in London recall Libya was declared "part of the national territory of Italy" by decree in January, 1939.

They also drew attention to persistent stories, all of which state that General Graziani wanted to evacuate Bardia some time ago and would have done so but for orders from the Duce.

Military experts point out that if this was the true intention of men in a position in which they were faced with either capture or death and which it was not intended to make any real attempt to relieve constitutes what can only be regarded as a crime by any soldier.

Military circles accord a full measure of praise to the Italian troops for the gallantry they have shown when they knew they were being sacrificed in a vain endeavour to save Mussolini's waning prestige. — British Wireless.

GRUESOME CRIME ALLEGED

A gruesome discovery was made on Friday night in Macao when a police officer stopped a ragged Chinese pedestrian and searched the gunny bag which was slung across his back.

In the bag were the arms and legs of a human being.

The man refused to make any statement at first but later broke down and, it is alleged, confessed that he had killed his wife with a chopper in the early hours of New Year's Day.

It is alleged that the man cut up the body. The trunk had been thrown into the sea.

He was on his way to get rid of the arms and legs when he was searched by the policeman.

It is believed that this man is mentally unbalanced. — Our Own Correspondent.

VICEREINE'S FUND

The two junior Maharajahs of Nepal have contributed 5,000 rupees each to the Vicereine's Fund for the purchase of ambulances, says Reuter from New Delhi.

BAR TO PATH OF HITLER

SPEAKING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, REFERRED TO THE CHEERFUL FORTITUDE AND DOGGED ENDURANCE AND GRIT OF THE BRITISH PEOPLES IN GREAT CITIES, IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES WHICH, HE SAID, HAD BEEN ADMIRABLE OVER THE WORLD.

They had shown, however criminal and inhuman the attacks to which they were subjected, that they would never bend or break.

It is this country, Sir Kingsley added, that blocks Germany's way, that defeats her evil ambition and upon which rests the main responsibility for the defence of civilised Europe and all that decency stands for in the world.

The Allies were fighting, for great things—liberty, justice and civilisation itself. — British Wireless.

R.A.F. OPERATIONS

An R.A.F. communique from the Middle East states: "During the night of January 3/4 and throughout Saturday bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. continued to attack incessantly enemy aerodromes in eastern Libya."

One gun position received a direct hit and was silenced.

During a subsequent raid on Saturday night, when several tons of bombs were dropped on military objectives, our aircraft observed violent explosions at Bardia with accompanying large fires caused by earlier raiding.

The jetty and harbour were the main objectives at Bomba and bombs fell well in the target area. — British Wireless.

LOSSES IN THE AIR

DURING THE WEEK ENDED MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY THE GERMAN LUFTWAFFE, IN RAIDS OVER BRITAIN, LOST THREE BOMBERS, ONE ON THE NIGHT OF FRIDAY/SATURDAY AND TWO DURING SATURDAY.

The British lost one fighter on Saturday.

During the same period eight British bombers failed to return from the heavy raids on Germany, two on the night of Dec. 28/29, two on the night of Dec. 29/30, two on Dec. 31, one on the night of Jan. 2/3 and one on the night of Jan. 3/4.

One German plane was shot down while trying to intercept. — Reuter.

SURE OF NAZI POLICY

Americans And Aid To Britain

HITLER NOT SEEKING CASUS BELLI

BOTH THE NEW YORK "Herald-Tribune" and the New York "Times" yesterday carried items strongly favouring all aid to Britain.

The "Herald-Tribune" says bluntly that Hitler will not consider aiding Britain as an act of war until it suits him to do so.

"As this will not be until Britain falls," the newspaper continues, "it will be safe for America to give all the aid she can while Britain is still fighting."

Professor Barton Leach, Professor of Law at Harvard University, and well known jurist, writing in the New York "Times," asserts that the United States is already in a state of war with the Axis.

In a letter two columns long Professor Leach develops the argument that the technical status of policy is merely a delusion and that full and effective aid to Britain alone can keep the United States out of active fighting.

At a minimum he suggests, aid to Britain should include the seizure of Axis ships in United States ports, internment of Axis consular staffs and American conveying of supplies.

Diplomatic Relations

The cessation of diplomatic relations with the Axis powers is advocated by Major Fielding Elliot, New York "Herald-Tribune" military expert.

American protection of life and the use of American bases by the United States, is another of his proposals.

Major Elliot advocates this step as a stimulus for a policy of conveying supplies. — Reuter.

FRENCH COUNCIL OF DEFENCE

British official recognition has been given to the "Council of Defence of the Empire" established by General de Gaulle at Brazzaville last October.

The British Government yesterday informed General de Gaulle that they will be happy to treat with him and with the Defence Council on all questions involving their collaboration with French overseas territories which place themselves under the authority of General de Gaulle both in matters affecting the association of Free French Forces with His Majesty's forces in prosecuting the war against the common enemy and in those affecting the political and economic interests of those territories. — Reuter.

SOVIET MILITARY TRAINING

The period of compulsory training in the Red Air Force has been increased from three to four years.

A new decree was published in Moscow yesterday making this change but no explanation of the reason for it is given.

The extension affects non-commissioned officers and men. Registration of men liable for military service in the Red Army this year took place yesterday and will be continued on February 12. These men will not be called for service until the Autumn. — Reuter.

FACTORY MISHAP

A worker in the Po On Gas Mask Factory at Ngau Chi Wan was seriously injured yesterday when his left arm was caught in one of the machines. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

AXIS FLOUNDERING FOR EXPLANATIONS

AXIS PROPAGANDISTS are meeting with some difficulty in explaining the various Italian defeats and are floundering around in a sea of boasts and contradictions.

Rome Radio, for instance, made the remarkable claim last night that "the situation is more favourable to Italy than one would think!"

In a broadcast to Turkey, the German Radio goes even further, and says that "in the Mediterranean, the British Fleet are having great difficulties owing to the increasing pressure of the Italian Fleet."

The effect of all this on the Turks can be judged from an Ankara Radio broadcast last night:—

"Italy has lost not only the Mediterranean but also the Adriatic."

Apart from wild boasts, Axis propagandists are also contradicting themselves and each other about where the main theatre of war really is.

Some Germans and Italians agree that decisive action can be expected in the Mediterranean. The German magazine "Das Reich" and German broadcasts in Czech and German, however, have it that the main thing is the invasion of Britain.

Thus, "Das Reich" has it that "the British threat to Italy is only important as an effort to eliminate her before Germany's new onslaught against England." — Reuter.

FORGED NOTE CASE

PLEADING GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF SEVEN FORGED \$1 NOTES, WAN WAH, 34, HAWKER, WAS SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS' HARD LABOUR BY MR. J. HEMS-WORTH AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, prosecuting, said that on December 29, accused boarded a No. 11 bus and produced a \$1 note to pay for the fare. The conductor who suspected the note to be a forgery refused to accept it. Accused offered another \$1 note, but this was also refused by the conductor.

The hawker then took out all his money, seven \$1 notes, and asked the conductor to choose one. The conductor, however, took him to the police station.



Heavy and light forces of the Royal Navy recently carried out a bombardment of the enemy-occupied port of Cherbourg where a concentration of enemy shipping had been detected. Photo shows some of the ships taking part in the bombardment firing. (Copyright, Fox).

NUISANCE VALUE

Extract from a fighter pilot's report:—

"I fired a fairly long burst into a Dornier 17. I fired at an Me.109, fired at another Me.109. I climbed to 25,000 feet and dived into enemy formation. I fired at an Me.109, obviously hitting it hard. I fired another short burst on passing. I was then told to make a nuisance of myself."

ADMIRAL LEAHY IN FRANCE

READ-ADMIRAL LEAHY, THE NEW U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO VICHY, IS NOW IN FRENCH TERRITORY ON HIS WAY TO VICHY.

Another American diplomat, Mr. Robert Murphy, Counsellor of the U.S. Embassy in Vichy, is reported to have arrived in Casablanca, Morocco, and American news reports from Vichy say that he is expected to see General Nogues, the Resident-General there. — Reuter.

GROWING UNREST IN RUMANIA

The internal position of Rumania is rapidly worsening and the administration is scarcely able to maintain control, according to information from the Bulgarian-Rumanian frontier received in Sofia yesterday.

A large number of alleged Communists have been arrested and it is rumoured that many will be shot.

Iron Guard malcontents are reported to be openly demonstrating against the presence of German troops in Rumania.

The Germans are said to be assisting the authorities to keep order at present.

Cost of living is rising rapidly and there is much speculation in food.

Reports add that most of the fresh German troops are directed to the Soviet frontier and to Danube ports, with certain units along the Yugoslav frontier. — Reuter.

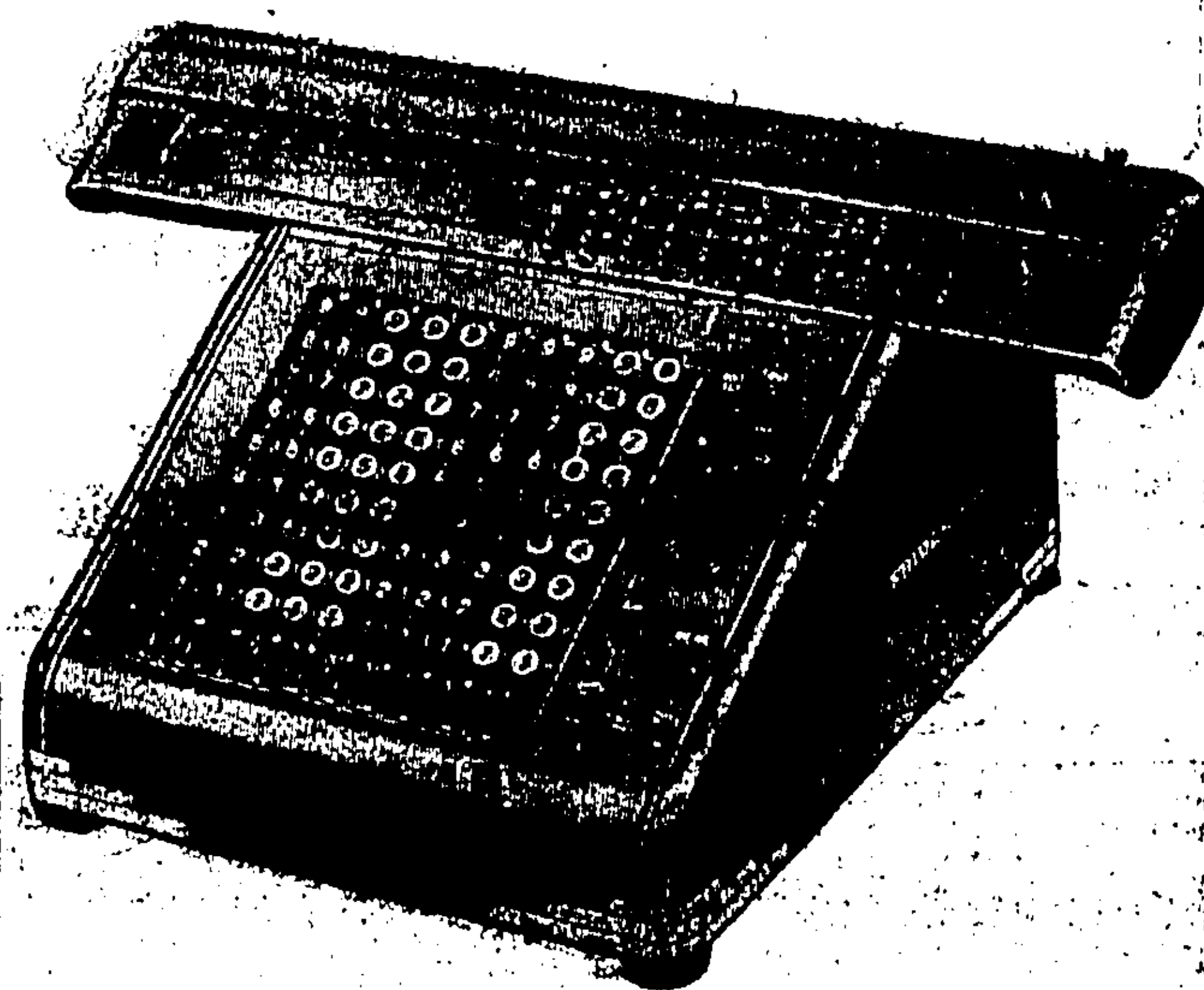
TAK SHING ST. CHASE

Mrs. E. P. Hyndman, of No. 23, Granville Road, was the victim of a handbag snatcher yesterday afternoon in Tak Shing Street.

Police Reservist F. C. Botelho chased and arrested the snatcher, Li Ngau, 17, who was sentenced to one month's hard labour and ordered to be expelled by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

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BLOCKADE EFFECTIVE BUT NET COULD BE DRAWN YET TIGHTER

"THE BLOCKADE is very effective, though I should like the net drawn tighter still," states Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, in a special interview published in the London "Sunday Times" yesterday.

"Germany still has important supply routes — the route through Russia being the most important.

"In order to maintain exports to our enemies, Russia has been importing large quantities of cotton from North and South America, and rubber and some non-ferrous metals from the Far East.

"By this route Germany can get a steady trickle of goods, small in bulk but great in value."

Replying to a suggestion that Spain was a "hole in the blockade," Mr. Dalton said: "I am convinced that less generous treatment might have played into Hitler's hands and deprived Spain of any independence. It is most unlikely that anything significant will be re-exported to Germany."

There was enough food in German-occupied Europe to ensure the inhabitants from not starving.

If Germany was able to import more food for the controlled territories it would strengthen her manpower by enabling her to transfer workers from food production to arms production or to the army.

Vast Accumulation

Mr. Dalton warned against expecting an immediate economic collapse of the Reich, which "has vast accumulations of stocks and a great capacity for improvisation."

A German distribution crisis would come before a production crisis, owing to transport disorganization all over German-occupied Europe.

"Italy has been much more directly hit," added Mr. Dalton. "Perhaps the ineffectiveness of her air force and the immobility of her navy are partly explicable by the unfavourable oil position." —R. u. r.

PRIVATE BLITZES

PILOTS OF A COASTAL COMMAND SQUADRON WHO PATROL THE NORTH SEA SOMETIMES RECEIVE PERMISSION TO SEEK OUT AND BOMB MILITARY TARGETS AFTER COMPLETING THEIR PRIMARY TASK OF RECONNAISSANCE. WARSHIPS, SUPPLY SHIPS AND AERODROMES ARE THE FAVOURITE OBJECTS OF ATTACK, AND IT IS RARE FOR AN AIRCRAFT WITH A ROVING COMMISSION TO RETURN WITHOUT HAVING "HAD A CRACK" AT SOME COG IN GERMANY'S WAR MACHINE.

Such extended trips are known in the squadron as "private blitzes" and are so popular that pilots and crews willingly sacrifice a day off for a chance of a good "blitz". Their C.O. usually has many more applications than he can submit for "higher approval".

The other night two aircraft went off to find trouble after they had completed their reconnaissance patrols. The board in the Operations Room, showing their expected time of return bore the added inscription: "But may be up to two hours late owing to private hostilities."

They came back with direct hits on a mine-sweeper and a supply ship and a near-miss on a destroyer to their credit.

14, SHE SAVED 2

Gallantry of a fourteen-year-old girl in shielding her brother, aged three, and a fifteen-month-old baby girl and bringing them safely out of a bombed house at Chatham has so aroused the admiration of the staff of the first-aid post to which the children were evacuated that they are to present her with a wristlet watch inscribed "For conspicuous bravery."

The girl, Florence Westin, was in a room with her brother Dennis and the baby girl, Sheila Page, when a bomb fell next door and the house collapsed on top of them.

As the bomb whistled down Florence threw herself on top of the children to protect them. A beam saved them from being crushed.

The first-aid party from the

TASK OF AMERICAN CONGRESS

The American press was much concerned yesterday with the weighty decisions now to be made by the new Congress.

President Roosevelt's message to Congress will be delivered today, and it is expected he will outline his new proposal for helping Britain and defending the United States.

Congress leaders expect a proposal for the creation of a new Federal Corporation to handle the President's plans.

A large amount of capital will be necessary.

The general plea of the American press is that Congress should establish unity of action and abandon political partisanship.

It is not expected, however, that Congress will be a mere docile instrument agreeing with all the President's suggestions.

There will be a vigorous discussion over domestic and foreign policy, but it is not thought that opposition to President Roosevelt will be strong enough to defeat his measures, although it may delay them. — Reuter.

post arrived to see Florence emerging from the wreckage dragging her brother by one hand and carrying the baby in her other arm.

All the way to the post Florence insisted upon nursing the baby without flinching. She even held the baby in her arms while the doctor put stitches in its head.

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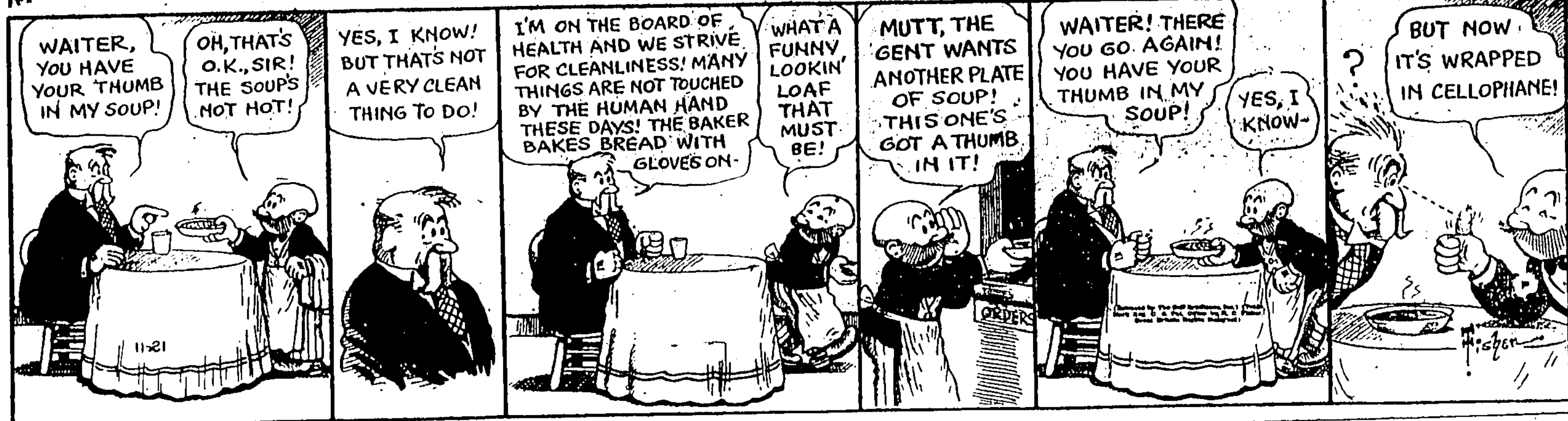
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DANGEROUS GAME, SAYS "ASAHI"

"There is no more dangerous game for America to play," declared the Tokyo "Asahi Shimbun" yesterday in an attack on President Roosevelt's policy of more aid to Britain.

"Who can guarantee America won't join in the war ultimately?" continues the paper, which considers that President Roosevelt has already made up his mind otherwise a man of his importance would not have made such bold remarks.

Claiming that Germany and Italy have never extended or thrust totalitarianism on America, the paper concludes that the friction is due solely to America's "unnecessary and offensive interference" with the construction of a new order in East Asia.—Reuter.

ARGYLE STREET THEFT

Mr. H. O. Smith, residing at No. 140, Argyle Street, has reported the theft of property valued at \$100 during his absence from his residence yesterday.

FIREWOOD CARGO OFFENCES

In the course of a routine search in the Harbour yesterday, police found a junk lying along the Yau-mati Praya loaded with 31,950 catties of fire wood.

Before Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, Tang Hing, 44, firewood dealer, was fined \$20 or six weeks' hard labour for unlawful possession.

Admitting that he was removing the wood for the purpose of sale without a permit from the Store Controller, accused was further fined \$10 or 14 days.

STABLES DEATH SEQUEL

Lau Mei-hok, alias Hak Tsai, 30, mafio, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with the manslaughter of a fellow mafio, Lam Ying-kwong, at the Hong Kong Jockey Club Stables, Wanchai, on Friday.

It is alleged that accused fatally injured the deceased in a fight.

Defendant was formally remanded for one week. Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin is in charge of the case.

HOTEL LOSS

Linen bedsheets, valued at \$247, have been stolen from the Peninsula Hotel, since December 31.

DUD BOMBS ON LONDON

CZECH TRICK ON THE NAZIS

London reports that Czechoslovak workers at the great Skoda munitions works apparently have been sabotaging German bombs, with the result that a surprising number of "duds" have fallen on London, were related by the wife of a British naval officer arriving in Boston on the steamship Nova Scotia.

Several passengers said the stories had become common gossip in London but had not been permitted to pass the British censorship.

Mrs. Lillian Birkenhead of Cheshire, wife of a destroyer commander, who came here with her 2-year-old son John, said London had heard "many reports lately about the extent of the apparent sabotage."

"Of course such things are supposed to be official military secrets," she said, "but they have a way of getting out. The time bombs that were at first the most feared of all are the ones that have chiefly convinced the experts that there is something wrong and that the Nazis have been tricked."

Mrs. Birkenhead's story was confirmed by a companion, Mrs. Violet Hunt of Birmingham.

NOT SO FRIENDLY

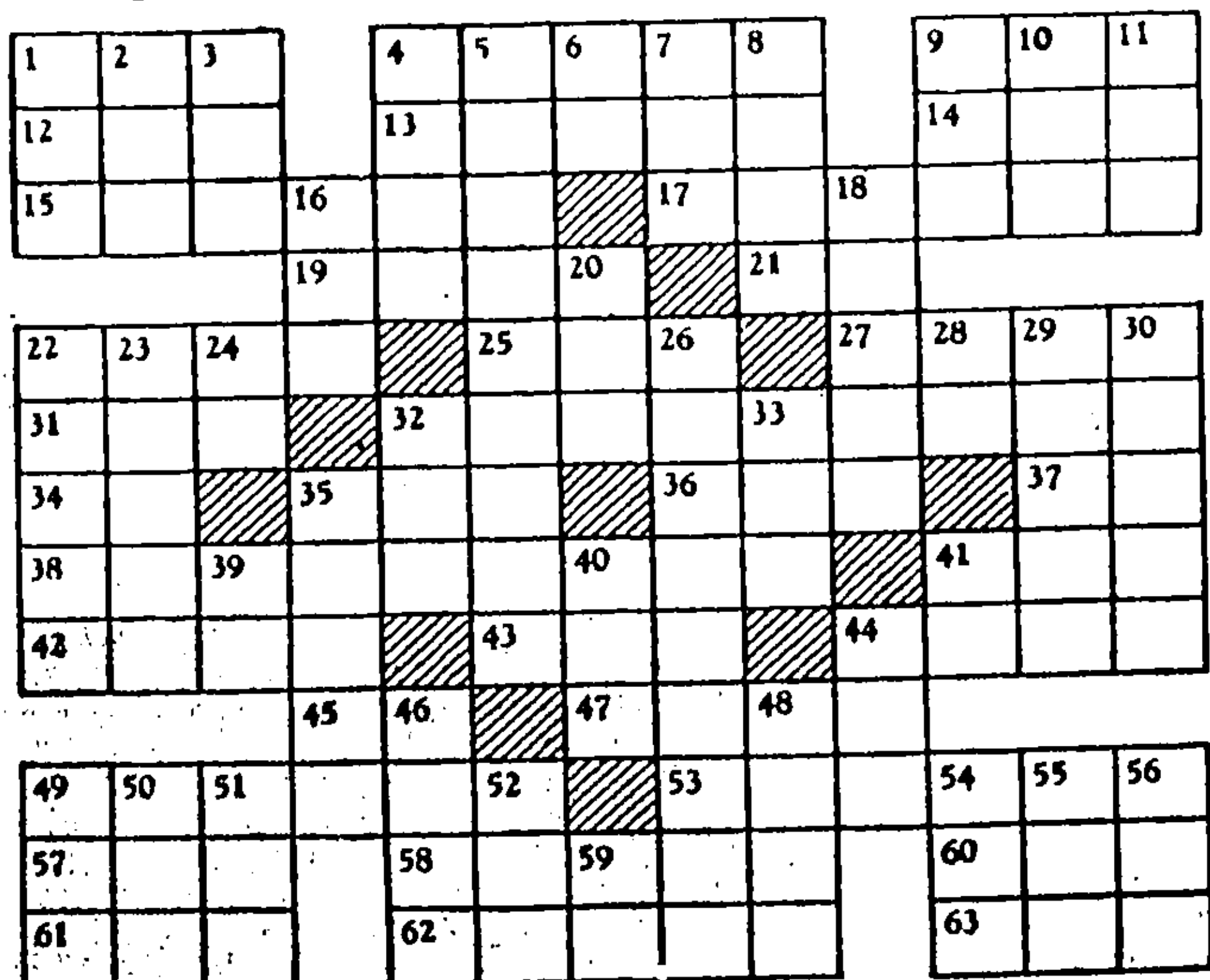
SIGHTING TWO AIRCRAFT WHICH HE TOOK TO BE HURRICANES, A FIGHTER COMMAND PILOT CLIMBED TO JOIN THEM IN SEARCH OF THE ENEMY. AFTER A CLOSER LOOK HE SAW THAT THEY WERE MESSERSCHMIDTS AND PROMPTLY SHOT ONE OF THEM DOWN.

"I had become separated from the squadron in a private fight with a Messerschmidt 109," the British pilot said afterwards. "I was climbing up again to see what I could see when two aircraft which I thought were Hurricanes passed over me. I climbed up after them, hoping to join up, and discovered that they were Messerschmidts 109."

"As they did not see me, I joined on behind and chased them until within range and opened fire at the rear one."

"After about three seconds there was a red flash and the aircraft caught fire behind the pilot and dived steeply, burning well."

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HORIZONTAL

- 1 To soak
- 4 To make suitable
- 9 Earth
- 12 Hall
- 13 Contract
- 14 Crude metal
- 15 Hardened portion of the skin
- 17 To persuade
- 19 Among
- 21 Symbol for tellurium
- 22 To grasp
- 25 Opening
- 27 To construct
- 31 Youth
- 32 Saintly
- 34 Preposition
- 35 Monk
- 36 Negative
- 37 Mixed type
- 38 Unwilling
- 41 Resort
- 42 Twelve months
- 43 Silkworm
- 44 Large snakes
- 45 Conjunction
- 47 Singing voice
- 49 Perfidious
- 53 Christian festival

- 57 To note
- 58 Spirited
- 60 Period of time
- 61 Female sheep
- 62 Eaten away
- 63 Chief of the janizaries

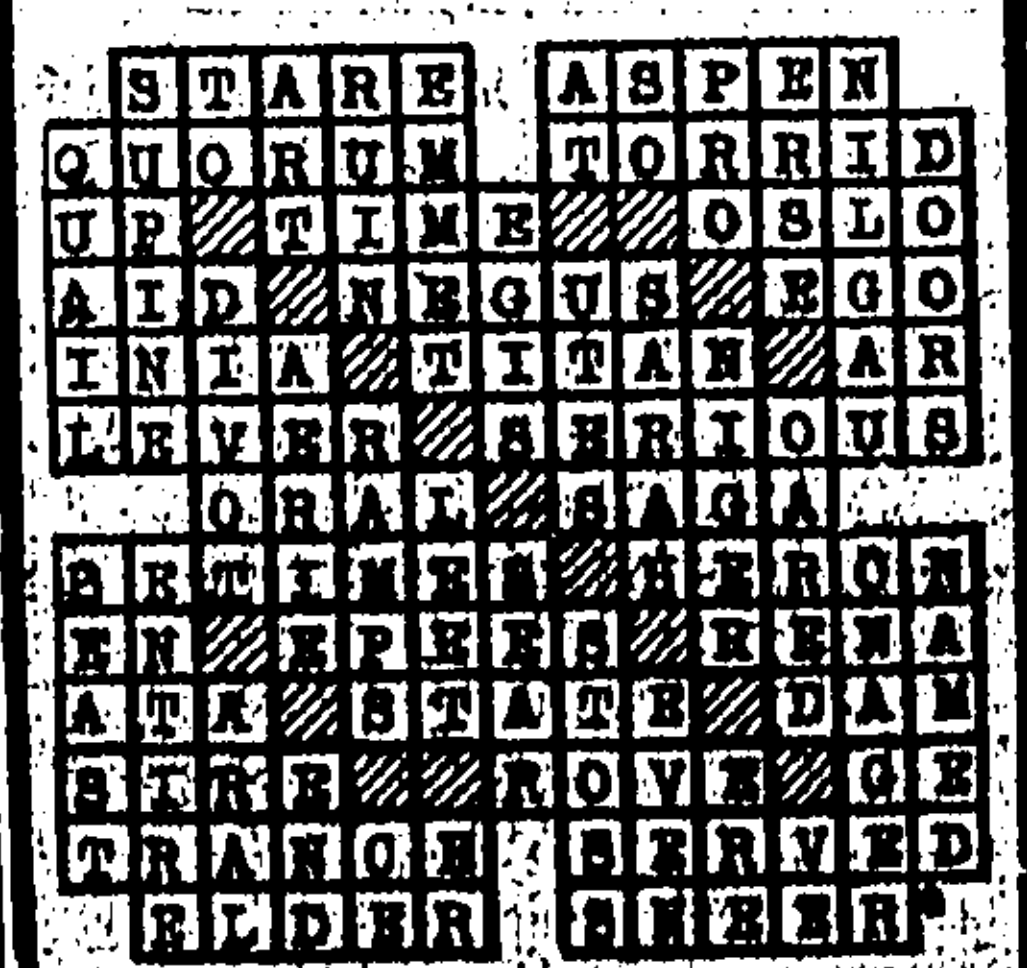
VERTICAL

- 1 Pouch
- 2 Eggs

- 3 Swordsman's dummy stake
- 4 Mineral salt
- 5 To identify by name
- 6 Molten lava
- 7 Greek letter
- 8 Shelter
- 9 French coin
- 10 Grampus
- 11 English river
- 16 To drink

- 18 To resign
- 20 Ancient pistol
- 22 Renown
- 23 Hindu princess
- 24 European fish
- 26 Poverty-stricken
- 28 Symbol for actinium
- 29 Greek letter
- 30 Hebrew prophet
- 32 Part of a circle
- 33 Parcel of land
- 35 Rage
- 39 Note of scale
- 40 Constellation
- 41 Therefore
- 44 Genus of ruminants
- 46 Slang: a rustic
- 48 To seize
- 49 Value
- 50 Novel
- 51 Mound
- 52 To be mistaken
- 54 Short for "Theodore"
- 55 Before
- 56 Beam
- 59 Butterfly

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION



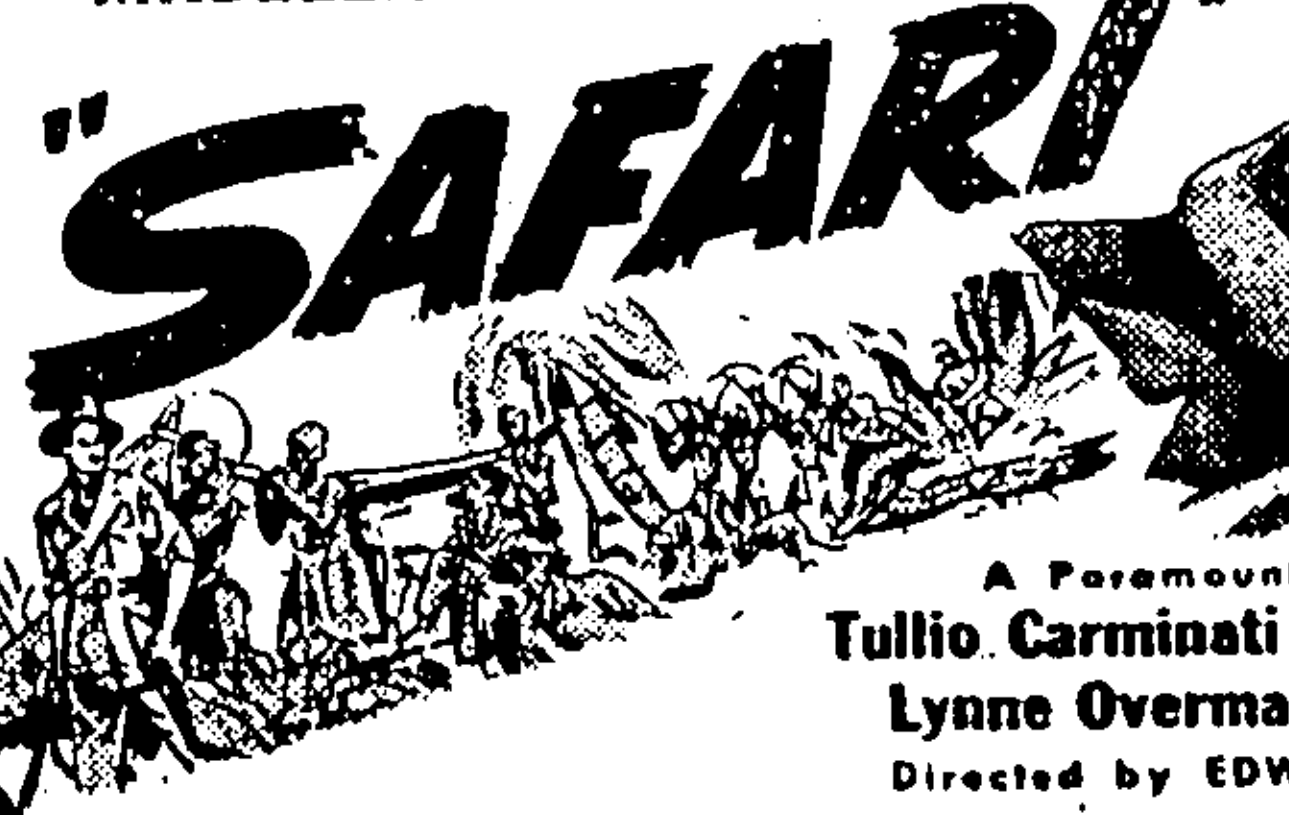
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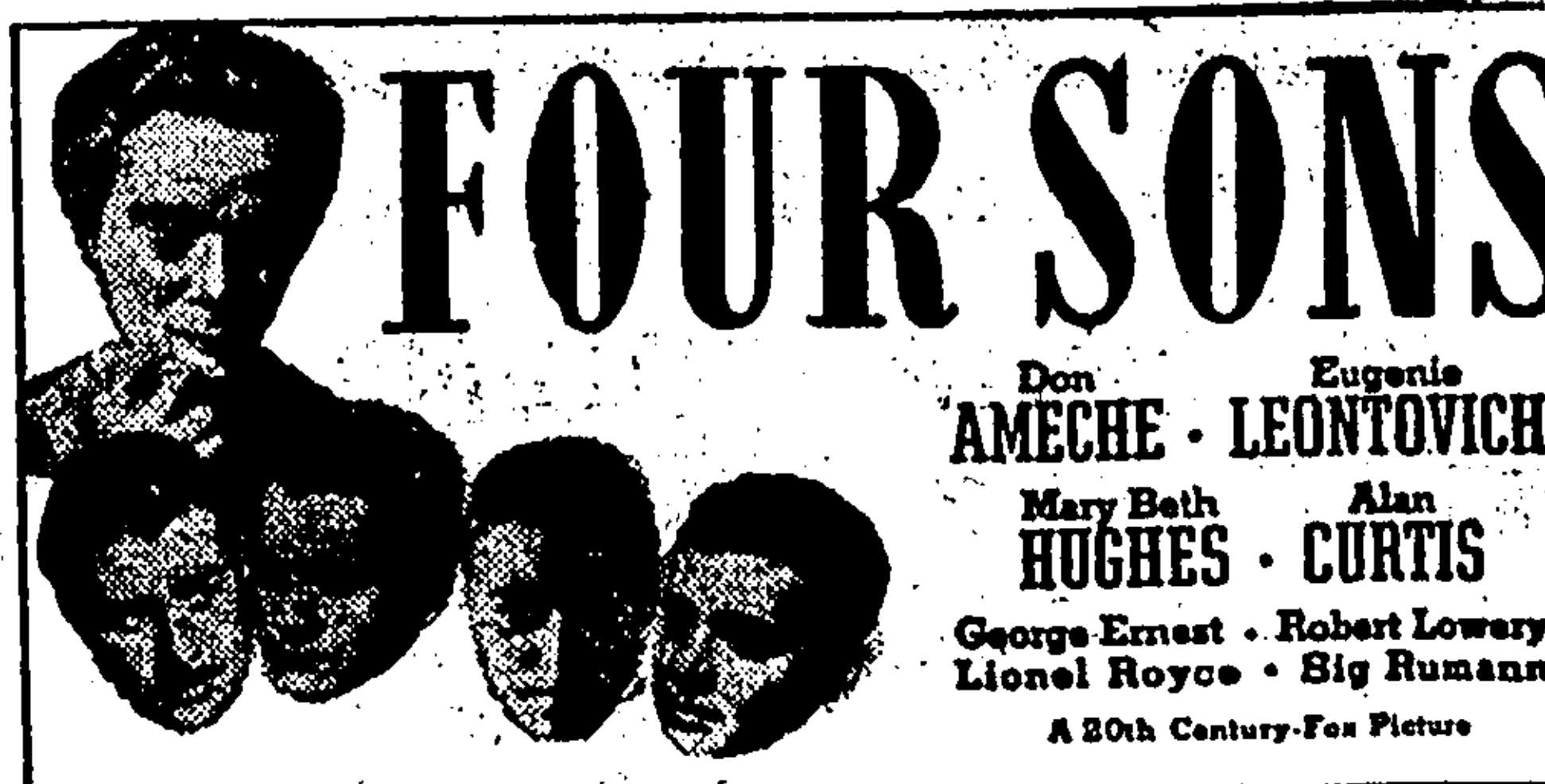
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GIRLS LEAD NIGHT LIFE IN SHELTERS

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

GANGS OF GIRLS WHO SPEND THEIR NIGHTS WITH UNDESIRABLE MEN IN PUBLIC AIR-RAID SHELTERS ARE CREATING NEW PROBLEMS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND SOCIAL WORKERS. ONE GANG, KNOWN AS THE "SHELTER GIRLS," HAS BECOME SUCH A NUISANCE IN LIVERPOOL THAT WOMEN MAGISTRATES AND SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE URGED THE CITY'S WAR EMERGENCY COUNCIL TO ACTION.

An education official told the Juvenile Court there that the girls were between fourteen and nineteen years old, lived at home as little as possible, were generally in the company of undesirable men, and used the shelters as bedrooms.

When I toured shelters during night raids I found social workers making a similar tour.

One of them, Alderman Miss Mabel Fletcher, magistrate and chairman of the Schoolchildren's Care and Attendance Committee, said: "Welfare workers and women's patrols are doing magnificent work, but there are not nearly enough of them."

Some From Good Homes

"They keep careful check of girls reported by parents to be out of control. They spend hours at night searching for the girls and persuading them to go home."

"The war has relieved these girls of personal responsibility. Many from respectable homes are proving as difficult as others."

"They make the raids an excuse not to go home, and spend nights here dancing, singing and keeping awake those who have come to sleep."

Conduct in some of the big shelters is such that respectable people dare not enter. Even while I was talking to Alderman Fletcher a drunk stumbled over a sleeping child; a factory girl was complaining that her bedding had been stolen; and a grab was made at my handbag; and further unpleasant indignities were attempted.

Children Have A Racket

Small children have a racket more popular than collecting shrapnel. They ask men, chiefly sailors, to give them a penny for two halfpennies. Invariably they are given a penny and told to keep the halfpennies.

I saw one urchin carry a fistful of coppers back to his mother, and a detective told me that some of the kiddies make well over £1 a week.

VICHY POLITICS

BROADCASTS FROM UNOCCUPIED FRANCE HAVE AS YET MADE NO MENTION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A TRIUMVIRATE—CONSISTING OF ADMIRAL DARLAN, GENERAL HUNTZIGER, AND M. FLANDIN—TO RULE FRANCE UNDER MARSHAL PETAIN.

A German-controlled Havas despatch denies the appointment of the triumvirate, but this, too, has not been broadcast from Vichy:—Reuter.

THEY CAN WELD METAL TO GLASS

For years scientists and manufacturers all over the world have sought a means of welding metal to glass. Now it is announced that a method has been perfected by British glass manufacturers at St. Helens, Lancashire.

An official of the firm said: "The process has been made a practical one by combining the use of specially toughened glass and aluminium, and overcoming the technical difficulties of spraying."

"The process is also being used for soldering metal discs on bolts on to glass, and it is possible to stick glass to glass by the same process."

MARLENE IS NO LONGER TOPS FOR LEG APPEAL

Away from the blast, the bombs and the blitz—to sunny Hollywood and Miss Marlene Dietrich's legs.

For years, the owner of that magnificent pair of extremities has topped ballots for No. 1 leg appeal.

She tops it no longer. In a world where such competitions still make headlines, Miss Betty Grable is the new title holder. Has just been voted so, after a nation-wide screen poll taken by the Screen Dancers' Guild.

There are, of course, runners-up—Alice Fay, Eleanor Powell, Zorina, Joan Crawford, Hedy Lamarr, Ann Sheridan, Lana Turner, Sonja Henie, Brenda Joyce. But Miss Grable's 8½ in. ankles and 13 in. calves romp home first.

In case you've forgotten how the other half of the world lives, let me remind you that Miss Grable was once the wife of ex-film-prodigy Jackie Coogan, that they hogged columns of space in the newspapers by separating, coming together, separating again, and then divorcing.

CAPTURED NAZI AIRMAN HAD TEA AND CRIED

TWO GERMAN AIRMEN who baled out when their Heinkel bomber was shot down at Hornchurch, Essex, were later taken prisoner by civilians. One was captured by James White, 63-year-old lodge-keeper at Belhurst Park, Aveley, and the other by Walter Byford, a porter at South Ockendon station.

Byford found him on the platform when he opened the station, locked him in one of the rooms, and telephoned the police. Lodgekeeper J. White, an old soldier, was returning from his morning rounds when he saw his German, an officer, dressed in overalls, with his feet wrapped in strips of parachute.

"I was just going indoors," he told the "Daily Herald," when I met the man in the drive and asked him where he was going.

Feet Jammed

"He replied: 'Take my prisoner,' and I realised he was a German airman. I saw that he was wounded in one leg and questioned him."

"He had been wounded by a splinter of anti-aircraft steel which had put his machine out of control. His feet got jammed in the rudder bar and he had to take off his boots before he could bale out."

IT'S AUTOMATIC

U.S.A. MAKES NEW BOMB RELEASE

An automatic bomb release, which enables the bomber to space each explosive at a pre-determined distance from its neighbour, has been perfected in the laboratories of an important U.S.A. aircraft factory, according to American air circles.

The device would allow a string of bombs to be dropped at regular intervals on the line along which a ship is travelling.

If the first bomb falls accurately on the line, aft of the ship, one or more of the rest is bound to score a direct hit.

If the first bomb is off the line the bomb-aimer can stop the device and try again, or the pilot can adjust his course to improve the aim.

Out Of Range

The bomber could fly at a terrific height, visibility permitting, well out of reach of anti-aircraft fire.

Similar tactics could be used against a factory or other vital target.

A bomber aiding a military advance could likewise decimate a moving column of transport, tanks, or men.

Little can be told about the device. Connected with the air-speed indicator is a dial with which the release can be set to drop the bombs at measured but slow intervals if the bomber is flying slowly; if the machine is flying fast, then the dial can be set to speed up the unloading of a chosen number of bombs.

Once the bomb-aimer sets the device, then the bombs drop automatically—even if he himself has meanwhile been put out of action.

"Only A Boy"

"My dog and cat made an awful fuss of him, and as he lay on the sofa crying he patted them both, so that my dog did not want to leave him when the police came to take him away in an ambulance."

"He was only a boy, just about 21, and he seemed so ashamed of himself and so overwhelmed because we treated him decently."

The bodies of two other airmen were found in the debris of the bomber, which killed a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk, and their four-year-old daughter, Joyce, in their Anderson shelter.

CHINA MAIL
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LEADERSHIP IN DEMOCRACY

In the series of broadcast talks which he has just published with the title "I Believe in Democracy" the Master of Balliol makes an illuminating comparison between the Nazi system and the methods of the old Ottoman Empire. The Christians in the territories ruled by the Empire were compelled to send a proportion of their male children to Constantinople. These children were kept there as slaves and the most promising of them were trained for administration. Thus the Sultan's chief officials were often slaves drawn from the non-Turkish populations. They were brought up with a strict discipline and no ties of any kind but to their corps and the Sultan. In the same way the pick of the Nazi youth are trained in special schools, renouncing all ties of home and kin, brought up in blind devotion to their leader. "The one thing they are not to have is any thoughts of their own." In both cases the rulers select and train leaders on whose loyalty they can count.

In the totalitarian States there is an all-powerful minority party which has the strength of a strict discipline and governs by suppressing freedom and independent news. In Great Britain the community is composed of a great number of voluntary societies, and there is freedom of discussion. In these talks Dr. Lindsay recalls the important part played by the different protesting religious bodies, Independents and Baptists, in the seventeenth century in giving form and tenacity to democratic ideas, a subject that he discussed in his book "The Essentials of Democracy." It shows again how the challenge of industrialism to democracy produced trade unions, cooperative societies, the Workers' Educational Association, and similar movements. All this is encouraging, for it shows that a democratic society creates its own institutions. But he warns us that the problems of leadership become steadily harder and that the demands made on the spiritual power of a democracy steadily increase. Government today is an extraordinarily delicate and complex machine and our education must be vastly improved if we are to find leaders who are competent to handle and direct it.

Naval war consists in the main of month after month of constant watchfulness and dreary monotony at sea, punctuated by hours and minutes of intense excitement. It is true that the advent of submarines and aircraft has greatly extended the periods of likelihood of dangerous excitement for all warships and merchant vessels. Hundreds of ships of all types must have been in action with U-boats and aircraft since the war began. Yet many hundreds more have not been in active conflict with either German or Italian ships.

The work of those ships whose names have not figured in official communiqués or honours lists is none the less arduous or important a contribution to the successful prosecution of the war. Patiently, stroke by stroke, and with infinite labour and toil, they are etching in the sombre background of the huge picture which embraces the whole maritime theatre of operation. This applies in particular to a host of vessels from the Merchant Navy and the Fishing Fleets now commissioned as warships and flying the White Ensign.



Recently I have been on board, or at sea, in various ships of what may be called the auxiliary navy. The first was an armed merchant cruiser, a well-known ex-transatlantic liner converted into a warship. Manned largely from the various naval reserves, and with guns mounted, she had been employed in northern waters practically ever since the beginning of the war. How many thousands of miles she may have steamed since the war started I do not pretend to know; but all through the gales, snowstorms, and long, dark nights of the northern winter her normal routine had been eighteen to nineteen days out followed by five days to a week in harbour for refueling and storing. Her officers and men enjoyed about three days leave every six weeks, and well they deserved it.

That ship presented a strange contrast to the time I was on board her before the war. Her public had been stripped of their panelling and tapestries. Silken hangings and curtains had disappeared from her private suites. The children's play-room had been converted into a shelter for guns' crews in bad weather, and whole ranges of cabins demolished to form messdecks. All the elaborate fripperies had disappeared for the grim purpose of war.

At another port I went on board a boom defence vessel which, with others of her type, has the task of watching the lines of buoyed nets and booms which protect most of Britain's naval and commercial harbours. A small vessel of about 700 tons, she was provided with her own motive power for steaming from place to place. Most of her time, however, she spent stationary on the boom, using her winches to open the "gate" to admit traffic, closing in again after the shipping had passed.

Apart from that, she had the job of laying and maintaining the heavy anchors, buoys and a regular cat's cradle of nets and wire hawsers. It was no sinecure in the fierce tides and blowing weather which usually prevailed; no joke at all when buoys and barrels broke adrift in the midst of a pitch-black squally night and had to be rescued.



When they were new to the game steamers unacquainted with the neighbourhood sometimes came charging through the boom at midnight, to wrap fathoms of wire hawser round their propeller and to find themselves hitched up by the stern. Vituperation flowed through megaphones, one indignant tramp skipper demanding "What's this blinkin' boom doing here?" except that his language was more impolite than that. The boom defence officer retorted with interest. Portions of his boom had been sadly mangled. He would have to make good the damage.

The men of that little ship were a hard-bitten lot, some belonging

to the various naval reserves, and the others enrolled for the war. The boom officer was a lieutenant who had earned the Distinguished Service Cross in the last war; the skipper was an ex-trawlerman; and the engineer had served for many years on a railway in India. Hearing and settling in the neighbourhood, he had offered his services in any capacity on the outbreak of war. Could he run an ordinary locomotive boiler and push-and-pull engines, the naval authorities asked him. The engineer answered in the affirmative, wondering what stupid question they would ask him next. Had he any friends who might

By "Taffrail",

also like to volunteer? There were three others like him, the engineer said, all anxious to do their bit. All four enrolled, and the Navy has never regretted it.

At another port I saw several of the private yachts taken over by the Navy for patrol and anti-submarine purposes. One of these was commanded by a Captain of the Royal Naval Reserve whom I had last seen in command of a famous Atlantic liner. The liner's tonnage was something over 45,000 and her length more than 800 feet. The length of the yacht was little more than that of a cricket pitch—86 feet—and her tonnage round about 100.



I went to sea minesweeping in a paddle steamer belonging to a railway company which used to take crowds of excursionists to the local beauty spots and watering places. Transformed into a man-of-war she had a complement of fifty officers and men, a gun or two, and the usual mine-sweep, with all its paraphernalia of winches, and floats, and fathom upon

fathom of wire. The torpedo-shaped floats with their red and green flags towed on either quarter and indicating the trend of the sweep-wires beneath and between them and the ship had their names painted upon them—"Joan" and "Pat." I was told that the mine-sweeping personnel had the privilege of taking turns in christening them, so the names changed fairly frequently. Once they had been "Rose" and "Gertie," which like Joan and Pat, were young ladies living in the neighbourhood of the base.

The captain of that ship was a Royal Naval Reserve officer who had commanded a cargo steamer in peacetime. His navigator and three engineers had been in the service of the company before the war. Of the three Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve lieutenants, the peace-time occupation of one was as an authority on the preservation of buildings and the ravages of the death-watch beetle; another was a chartered accountant, and the third was in a well-known bank. The midshipman, sent there for training, would have been at University but for the war.

The professions of the ship's company were even more varied than those of the officers. There was a sprinkling of active service petty officers and ratings, a leading seaman from the Royal Yacht "Victoria and Albert," and some prisoners, reservists and others enrolled "for the duration." They included a postman, a bricklayer, several deep-sea trawlermen, a boiler-maker, rivetter, boot-maker, and a dockyard labourer. The telegraphist was a surveyor in civil life, and the signalman an insurance agent.



I watched the officers and men at their work, streaming the sweeps, going through an ordinary day's routine, and then getting them in again preparatory to returning to harbour. There was no

fuss or bother. Everything went off without a hitch. The ship's company might all have been born to the sea and working together for years instead of only for months.

The average number of days a month spent at sea by that little ship was round about twenty-three, in which period she covers about 1,794 miles. This means that in a year of war she will have done 21,528 miles. That is slightly more than seven times the distance from Liverpool to New York, and represents a lot of hard work when one recalls that minesweeping is not done at very high speed.

Two trawlers in which I also went to sea on patrol had also done much arduous service since the war began. The skippers of both were Scots fishermen. The group officer in one was a retired Lieutenant-Commander, R.N., whose peace-time employment was with the Mersey Dock and Harbour Board, while the other was a Lieutenant-Commander, R.N.R., who had left the sea before the war and was qualifying as a doctor when recalled for service afloat.

The bulk of the crew was made up by fishermen; but among them were a metropolitan policeman, a paperhanger, an entertainer, a conjuror, a waiter, a stock-broker's clerk, an employee in a furniture and upholstery business, and a man from the British Broadcasting Corporation's engineering staff serving as a wireless operator—and a very good operator indeed, I was told by his commanding officer.

The war-time Navy, with its manifold tasks and functions, has need of all these men, and of the ships in which they serve. They are all doing arduous service in the face of no little risk and danger. As the First Lord of the Admiralty said, in a speech on August 7, "The price of security is constant vigilance, and the price of the free way of life is even greater vigilance backed by unremitting effort."

How Hitler Has Copied Moscow

In early 1939, Sir Paul Dukes, K.B.E., went to Czechoslovakia via Germany on a special mission and search for a prominent Czech, Alfred Obry, who was missing, and whose London friends were prepared to pay the Gestapo for his release.

Sir Paul found Alfred Obry, or at least his remains, buried under another name, and the startling events leading up to this grim discovery are related by Sir Paul in his book, "An Epic of the Gestapo."

The author's dealings with the dreaded Gestapo in Berlin and Prague, their attacks of Anglophobia and the desire of their victims to get to England are all recorded.

His views on Hitler and especially the Communist Pact, make most interesting reading at this juncture. Sir Paul was in Germany at the time of the agreement signed by Germany and Russia, and dealing with the many phases of agreement between Nazism and Communism, he writes:—

"It had taken us by surprise only in its suddenness and scope, following upon years of vitriolic abuse and the Fuehrer's reiterated declaration that any form of alliance with Russia must inevitably spell doom for Germany. But was the agreement itself after all so unnatural? I had been studying the resemblance between the Nazi and Bolshevik administrations, and there was plenty of ground for mutual understanding if rivalry was set aside.

"The Communist dictatorship of Moscow is the prototype of all totalitarian dictatorships and upon it in greater or lesser extent all subsequent totalitarian regimes, but particularly that of the Nazis, have been modelled. One of the most remarkable things about Adolf Hitler is that he has produced little or nothing that is truly original.

"Besides the Gestapo, an exact replica of the Cheka-Ogpa, the

Press and propaganda apparatus of both regimes is identical in character. Goebbels, indeed, might have been a faithful disciple of the Jewish founder of the Comintern, Zinoviev-Apfelbaum.

Those acquainted with the style of oratory and argumentation of both Goebbels and Zinoviev cannot but have been struck by their marked resemblance, even in terminology, illustration and the talent for inventing cheap jibes.

"True, in 1936, Stalin shot his erstwhile friend and comrade Zinoviev - Apfelbaum, together with many other associates of long standing who refused to toe the zig-zag Stalin line. But Hitler likewise has 'liquidated' no small number of his closest friends who ventured to oppose him in word or deed.

"In the economic sphere, the Nazi system of far-reaching and ever-increasing Government control of imports and exports, of production and distribution of private banking accounts, and of prices of the commonest things such as household repairs and automobile parts, approximated even in peace time more and more closely to the system prevailing in Russia.

"True, Hitler has never officially abolished private property, nor Stalin officially recognised it. But wide deviation from theory on both sides brought them close together, and under war conditions there is little to distinguish them in practice.

"Under both regimes education is run on similar principles. It is calculated primarily to prevent the youthful mind from imbibing any but official doctrines. Essential subjects such as history, literature and geography are all given a strong political basis. Disident teachers and professors are ruthlessly persecuted, and in-

struction and 'culture' are made to serve first and foremost Party ends.

"The system of 'election' and popular representation is closely alike. No candidates may be put forward other than those approved by the dominant party, and the voters may only vote affirmatively or abstain.

"In consequence, Nazi and Bolshevik 'parliaments' resemble each other in nature and function, being devoid of any truly representative character. The Reichstag and the Soviet Union Council are merely audiences convened occasionally to listen to and 'ratify' the decisions already taken and acted upon by Hitler and Stalin. These bodies are not even endowed with consultative powers.

"The attitude of both dictators towards religion is similar. Hitler's hatred of Christianity derives from the race of its founder. Stalin's from the militant atheist nature of Marxist doctrine. By different paths they arrive on common ground, and it is not surprising to find them there proclaiming a common detestation of the democratic principles of liberty and political and social rights which are the ideal of western civilisation.

"Where Nazi Germany and Bolshevik Russia must eventually come into conflict," sums up Sir Paul Dukes, "is in the contradiction between the hypernationalistic ideals of Hitler and the neo-imperialistic and ultimately world-revolutionary aims of Stalin. Here clash is inevitable. But meanwhile, with slight accommodation on both sides for opportunistic purposes, they may, even though jealously watching each other's moves, travel far together in their common hatred of democracy and Christendom."

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♠ Q 10 6 4
♥ K 10 8 6
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 9 3

♠ J 9
♥ 7 2
♦ A Q J 9 3
♣ Q 8 7 4

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♠ 7 3 2
♥ A J 8 3
♦ 10 6 2
♣ J 6 2

♠ A K 8 6
♥ Q 5 4
♦ K 8
♣ A K 10 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	1♦	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the seven of hearts, a lead which spared South

a guess in the play of that suit. Dummy played the nine, and East took the heart Ace and returned the ten of diamonds, South covering with the King. West took the diamond Ace and continued the suit, and South gained the lead by trumping the third diamond.

At this point, South had to win the rest of the tricks. To draw three rounds of trumps would leave dummy with only one trump for a club ruff. That would oblige South to lose a club at the end, so South wisely decided to make sure of his club ruffs before drawing trumps.

The first step was to lead the eight of spades to dummy's Queen, after which a club return allowed South to cash his Ace and King. He next ruffed a low club with one of dummy's low trumps and returned the other low trump to the trump Ace in his own hand. Since that dropped West's Jack of spades, South could safely lead his last club, ruffing with dummy's ten of trumps. The heart Queen gave South the lead to draw the last trump; and dummy's heart King won the last trick, netting South a well-earned game.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ 9 4
♥ K 8 6
♦ A Q J 7 5
♣ K J 3

The bidding:

You	Maier	Jacoby	Burnstous
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
(?)	Pass	2♥	Pass

(?)

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RECRUITING BY COUNTIES

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To save men the trouble of going to a Combined Recruiting Centre, recruiting officers are visiting a number of the smaller towns in the various counties. The days on which the recruiting officers can be seen locally are announced by means of posters, advertisements in the newspapers, and lantern slides in the cinemas.

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Such drives are to be organised locally from each of the 60 Combined Recruiting Centres throughout the country.

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Question No. 606

To-day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

You	Maier	Jacoby	Burnstous
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



Heaven! I've broken a fingernail!

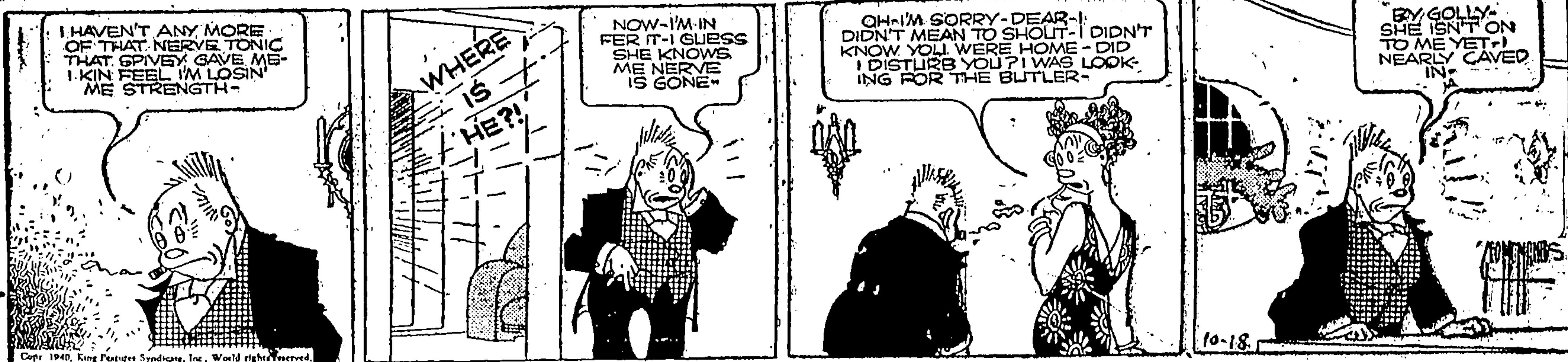
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Young Girl Cosmetics

GOOD grooming habits should be acquired at an early age. The young girl should learn to care for her skin, her hair, her body. But many mothers have been in a dilemma regarding beauty aids which were appropriate and efficacious for grooming youth. And not until recently has this problem been given the consideration due by leading cosmetologists.

Now many "young" cosmetics are making their bow so the adolescent has a choice of beauty aids, the formulas of which are milder than the cosmetics mother uses, but potent enough to do a good job in preserving, encouraging, or enhancing skin and hair beauty.

One of the most reliable cosmetic firms, for instance, has presented to the young world an ensemble of cosmetic and fragrance accessories to answer the desire of blushing debs to be gay, dainty and a bit alluring!

There is an excellent face powder beautifully blended in three youthful shades, three lipsticks appropriate for young lips—a soft pastel rose, a clear schoolgirl red, a flame for evening sophistication. For an all-weather protection there is a lip pomade. And irresistible to the adolescent who is just beginning to feel she is a woman is a bevy of bath luxuries, heavenly scented by the same perfume which inspired the entire line. Any parent would approve of the quality of these tempting cosmetics.

Parents Should Cooperate

The parent who looks scornfully on beauty aids for the young should realize that they are a great incentive to personal respect. A young girl who takes pride in keeping herself as lovely as



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possible develops a discrimination which is a great asset.

To prove this point let me tell you that most of the advanced in-

stitutions for delinquent girls have installed beauty courses in an attempt to nourish self-respect in the inmates. Directors are convinced that a girl with a proper amount of normal vanity is morally stronger than the girl who is indifferent to personal grooming.

Your young darling will obtain cosmetics in one way or another so why not help her to use those which will not harm her young beauty. Make-up, particularly, should be supervised, as the harsher, deeper, stident colours which are considered smart for women have no place on a pert young face.

and tends to correct the spreading of any acne condition.

It is good to remember that you do not have to be too gentle in your skin care. In fact it is excellent to exercise the pores by deep finger massage on clean skin, scrubbings with especially designed complexion brushes, and hot and cold water splashing. Your face pores need exercising and, if you do not go through a body exercising programme every day, you must resort to local massage to tone up facial muscles.

For Very Sensitive Skins

If you are convinced that your skin cannot stand brushings with soap there is a new cream which lathers like soap when rubbed into your skin. It is free from alkali and non-irritating and we are told by the firm which presents it, it may be used with either hard or soft water. No soap is required, simply a rinsing after a massage with the cream. It too, does a nice job of deep pore cleansing.

cause more complexion disasters than almost anything!

Brush And Soap Companions

If you are in doubt about selecting a complexion soap do take a look at two which come with companion brushes. One soap is a creamy liquid and comes in a tube. This you squirt onto the soft complexion brush, after it has been moistened with warm water. Then you scrub your moistened skin, assured that the soap you are using is bland, effective and absolutely non-irritating, unless you happen to possess a skin which is so sensitive that anything you use irritates it.

Another complexion set consists of a soap containing an estimated fifteen per cent. of sulphur (which long has been regarded as a skin beautifier), and a small brush with a handle. Through a modern colloidisation this soap is made possible and it forms a luscious, creamy lather when brushed onto moistened skin with the companion brush. In fact, boys who suffer from an acne condition, might also use this sulphur lather for shaving, as it gives the pores a deep cleansing

Skin Care During Winter

SOME girls and women harbour the impression that soap and water washing should be discontinued once the cold weather sets in. This is, of course, silly. Your skin requires soap and water cleansing the year 'round and the thermometer has little to do with it—but when you wash your face and how you wash it has a great deal to do with preserving a healthy, glowing, young-looking complexion.

One should not wash one's face with warm or hot water and soap and go out immediately afterward in cold weather. The warm water opens the pores and the quick change of temperature from indoors to outdoors will, of course, chap the skin. But if you give your skin a good dousing with chilled water, after the soap washing, the pores will be normally closed and a light protective film of cream will prevent your face from chapping.

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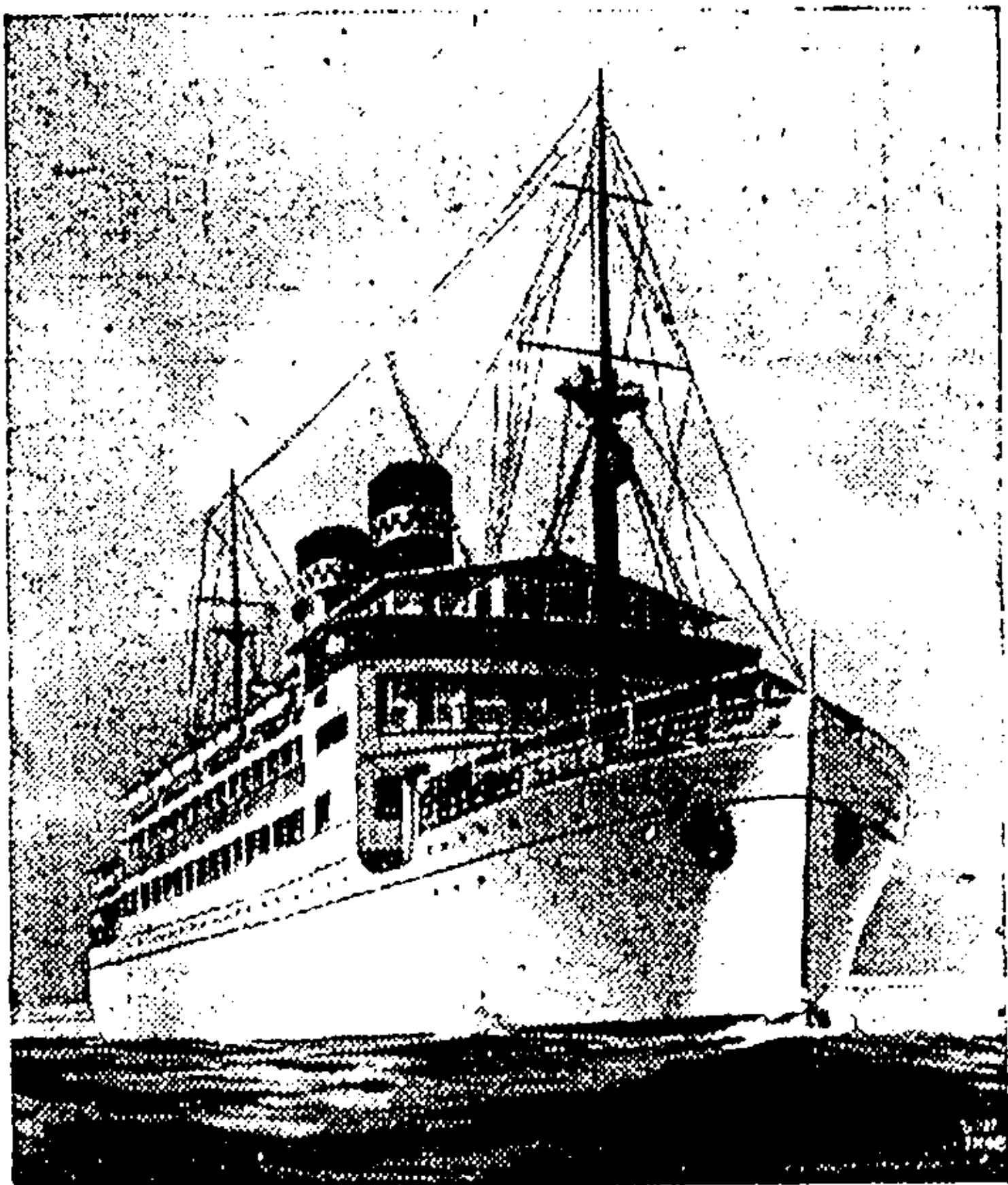
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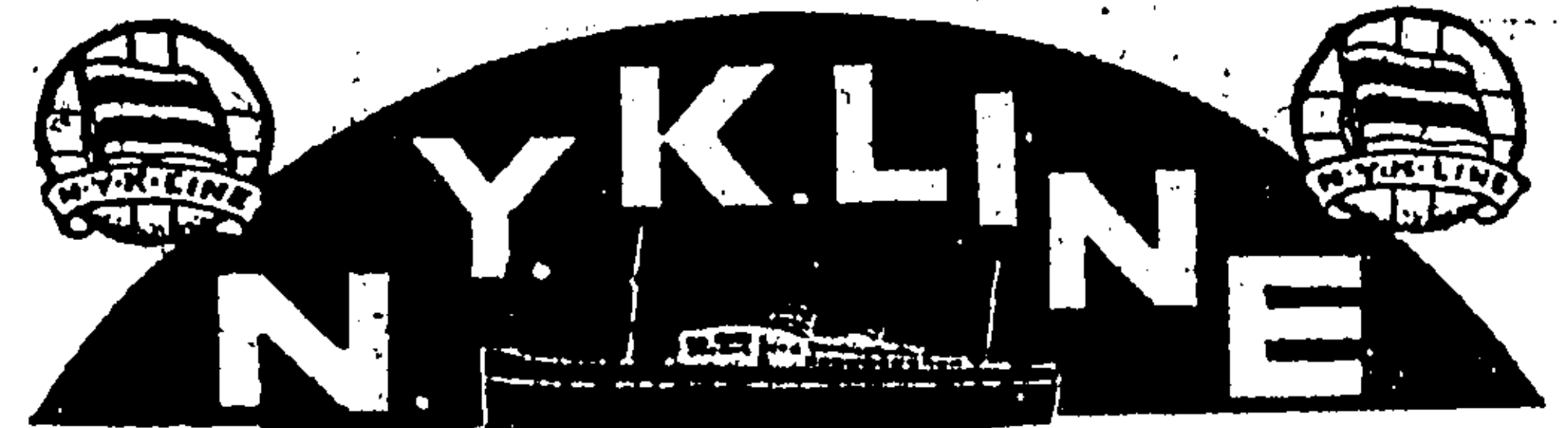
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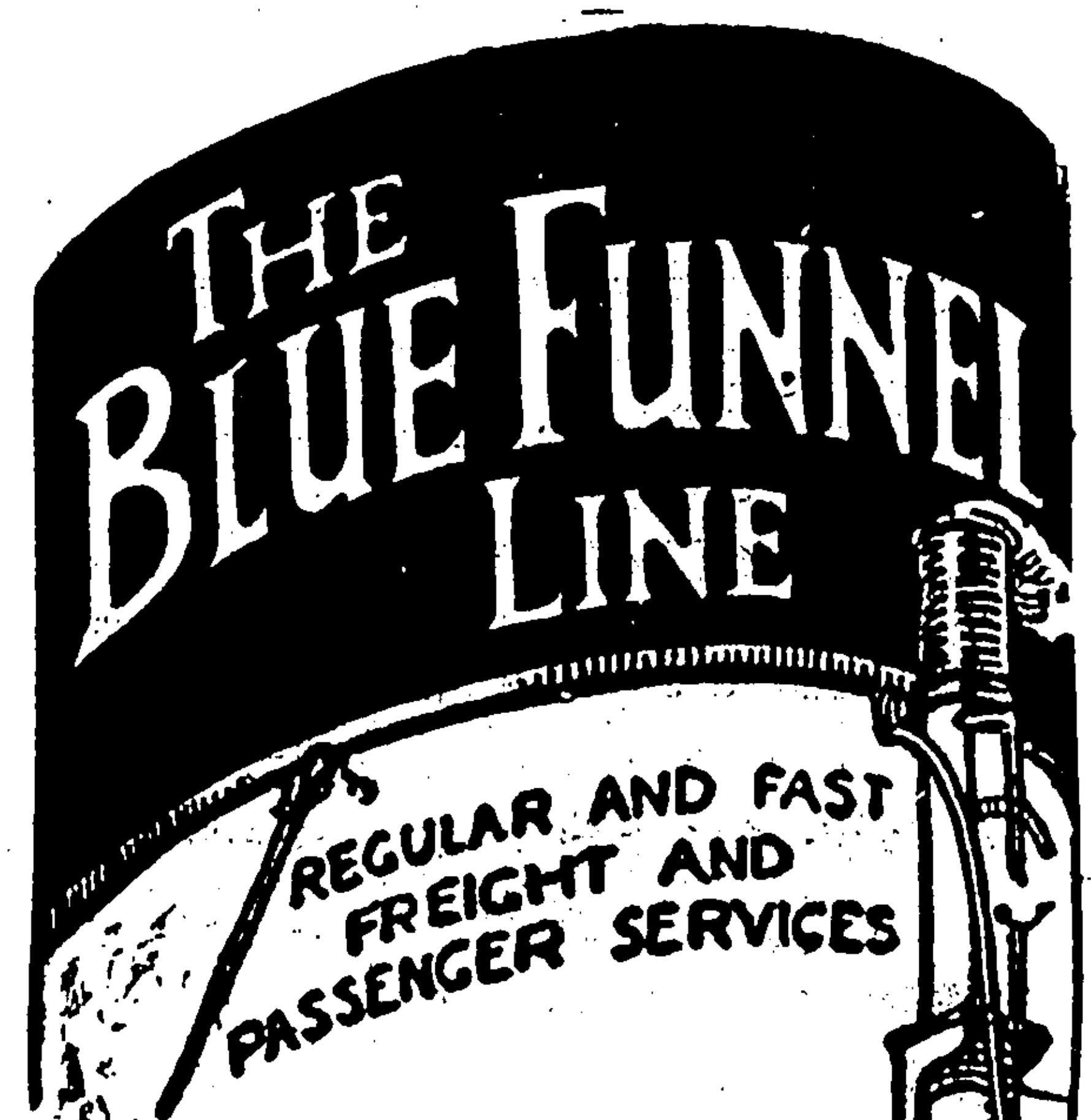
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An article written in the South of France and published in the Zurich newspaper "Volksrecht," describes the growing distrust of the Axis Powers and the Petain regime among the French people.

The communique issued after the Petain-Hitler meeting aroused certain hopes in the French public, as it was widely thought that the occupied zone would be reduced and that prisoners of war would return home, says the writer of the article.

But the broadcast by Marshal Petain dissipated these hopes. The Vichy Government's policy of secrecy about all negotiations caused a flood of rumours, which were increased by the complete lack of information in the French Press, the undignified attitude of which towards Germany is arousing criticism.

France's "War Guilt"

"It is being asked," the article says, "what interests this Press thinks to serve by attributing, before the whole world, the guilt for the war to France. Did Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, &c., renounce their willingness to cooperate with Germany—a cooperation which the Vichy Government states now lies open to France?"

The writer reveals that the French are realising that if France had tried to cooperate with Germany by refusing her aid to Poland, Hitler would have found an excuse to attack France just as he did Czechoslovakia and just as Italy did to Abyssinia, Albania and Greece.

"Frenchmen therefore fail entirely to see what improvement of her position France can hope for by assuming a guilt which is not her due," remarks the article.

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Besides the official Interrogation of R.A.F. crews on their return from raids over Germany and German-occupied territories there is often an unofficial "post-mortem" in the Flight Commander's office.

Here once again are discussed the tactics adopted by the enemy, the weakness or severity of his anti-aircraft fire, the location of targets, the weather, the number of hits scored, and a hundred and one other points of interest arising from the previous night's show.

From these informal talks there sometimes emerges additional information that helps the Flight Commander and others to build up for themselves a complete picture of the previous night's operations. During a recent talk, for instance, a pilot who had been attacking an important objective in the Ruhr gave further details of his experience.

"The anti-aircraft barrage put up by the enemy," he said, "was so severe that it looked like a well and heavily patterned curtain of fire. How the Germans failed to shoot any of us down is still a mystery. The night sky was perfectly clear and the conditions both for defence and attack were excellent. There was no difficulty in finding the actual works we were after, and we were able to see our bombs bursting right on the mark."

In answer to the Flight Commander's question as to whether the results of the bombing had been seen, the pilot said: "Yes, plainly. There was debris flying about in all directions and over the whole place there were thick clouds of dust. A few minutes later we also saw bombs from another aircraft falling right across the target, and before we could count ten, flames could be seen leaping hundreds of feet into the air. We thought at the time what a fine piece of bomb aiming it was."

At this remark another pilot chipped in: "I think, from all accounts, that those were our bombs."

This interpretation not unnaturally led to a great deal of badinage, for at the time of the attack there were several aircraft over the target.

Informal talks such as these are invariably conducted in a cheerful atmosphere, and after particular points have been discussed the meetings are usually rounded off with a good story about some personal adventure.

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Navy Upset Sing Tao's Applecourt Win Thrilling Encounter By Odd Goal In Three

O'Regan & Hazard Thwart Clever Chinese Quintette

By "Referee"

Giving their best display this season and playing as a team Royal Navy dealt a serious blow to Sing Tao's First Division Championship hopes at Causeway Bay yesterday when they won by the odd goal scored.

Sing Tao played as well as usual but Navy, as the result of several judicious promotions and positional changes, were full value for their win and on no occasion were they outplayed.

Navy played typical cup-tie football, featured by hard first time tackling in defence and swift and well conceived moves for the shortest path to goal in attack.

It was true that Robinson had more to do in Navy's goal than Cheung Wing-choy but Sing Tao's attack was often in danger of falling as the result of the clever movements of the Navy forwards, particularly LePage and Phippens.

Navy functioned as a team and it is rather hard to believe that most of the players have not played together before.

It would be invidious to single any Navy player for special mention as all did their share and did it well.

None was found wanting and this result has greatly boosted Navy's chances for the Shield competition.

Robinson Again

Robinson has been mentioned so often for his displays in goal that any further reference to his play yesterday would be superfluous but it must be stated that he was given excellent support by Roughley and O'Regan.

The latter was particularly brilliant with his tackling and the manner in which he cleared his lines under Chinese pressure, and if Navy has lost a forward—for O'Regan has been playing in the attack for some time—they have undoubtedly found a great back and one who is a greater asset to the team in defence than in attack. His partner, Roughley was never far behind him in brilliance. The two covered their halves in excellent manner so that the fast Chinese forwards rarely had a real opportunity to worry Robinson.

Robinson, Roughley and O'Regan would do credit to any Interport team.

It was, however, the Navy intermediate-line that broke Sing Tao's spirit of attack. All three players came in for their share of glory. Britt at left-half had such a tight grip on Tang Kwong-sum that this speedy winger sent over few good centres and these were far between. Britt's display was featured by quick tackling which completely upset any forward



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against him and his hard kicking often cleared his lines when these were threatened.

Hazard, recently promoted from the juniors, gave an excellent exhibition of centre-half play.

He subdued the speedy Kwong Yin-kee, worried the wily Fung King-cheong and unceremoniously bundled Lai Shui-wing off the ball when necessary. His play so upset the Sing Tao inside trio that they were not able to settle down to their usual games.

Honeywell Masters Yeung

The evergreen Honeywell was in every way Yeung Shui-yick's master. Tip-tap methods were of no avail against him and he often had the better of this winger. Added to this he sent numerous good passes to Phippens on the right wing.

Apart from scoring both goals for his side, LePage played the best game he has done in the Colony for a long time. He was the Fung King-cheong of the Navy attack. Showing good ball control at all times he passed to the best purpose and kept Phippens and Hendy well supplied with passes.

Phippens on the right-wing was prominent in the second half with several good centres, while Hendy in the centre-forward berth was always a danger. He required continual watching and played an unselfish and good game. Barber, his inside-left, and Hawkins, on the left wing, were also good. Both had bad luck to handle the ball when well placed after well-planned moves.

Nothing contributed more to Sing Tao's defeat than Navy's direct methods and first time tackling.

Cheung Wing-choy brought off several good saves from high balls but in the second half Navy were content to send the ball along the ground and chance matters.

Lee Ting-sang was safe in his clearances but Phippens was not hasty in his centring and often drew him out of position. Hau Yung-sang was good in his first time clearances and Soong Ling-sing was the outstanding player in the intermediate-line. Luk Tat-hang is not ripe for senior football. He did a lot of useful work but was not up to standard in his feeding. Chui Ah-fai has seen better days and was often outplayed and out-paced.

Stars At Disadvantage

Fung King-cheong was again the brains of the Sing Tao attack but he found that some physical attributes were necessary against Navy and for that matter so did Lai Shui-wing, who was never able to manoeuvre for a shooting position. Kwok Ying-kee's dash and speed were of no avail against Roughley and O'Regan and he was seldom dangerous.

Both wingers were too well marked to be of real danger.

In the first half Sing Tao had bad luck when Fung hit the cross-bar, and shortly after Lai Shui-wing did the same. LePage scored for Navy with a good cross shot and 10 minutes after the interval the same player increased the lead with a well placed shot. Lai Shui-wing scored for Sing Tao.

NAVY: Robinson; Roughley, O'Regan; Honeywell, Hazard, Britt; Phippens, LePage, Hendy, Barber, Hawkins.

SING TAO: Cheung Wing-choy; Hou Yung-sang, Lee Ting-sang; Tui Ah-fai, Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tat-hang; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-kee, Lai Shui-wing; Yeung Shui-yick.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION	
R. Navy	2 Sing Tao
Kwong Wah	3 R. Scots
SECOND DIVISION	
Kwong Wah	0 Engineers
R. Scots	6 Police
Service Corps	1 R. Navy
THIRD DIVISION	
A.S.A.	0 Air Force

SCOTS DO WELL AGAINST KWONG WAH

By "Sportshawk"

Fielding a team chiefly composed of players who represented Scotland against China in the "Sunday Herald" Charity match, which they won by 6 goals to 5 Royal Scots yesterday, at Boundary Street, fully extended Kwong Wah in First Division of the Football League.

The match resulted in a narrow win for the Chinese by the odd goal in five, after two goals were shared at the end of the first half. Bankier, the Scots' goalie, was very safe, while Fraser distinguished himself at left-back.

Munro played a good game in the half-back line, in which Patconer also was impressive.

The attack was best served by Hossack, the Colony Interporter, who was always dangerous in the Chinese circle, while Walker and Fleming assisted the Interporter to a great extent.

Lee Shines

For the Chinese Lee Kwok-kee was undoubtedly the best player. He saved numerous good shots attempted by the Scots, in addition to a penalty kick taken by Hossack.

Chung Fai-lam was the best of the Chinese backs. Cheung Shu-fai, the pivot, distributed well but neglected his spoiling, while Wong King-chung was a speedy left-winger and worked very hard in the attack, in which Chin Chi-fan and Lau Fok-tsun were also outstanding.

Kwong Wah drew first blood through Wong King-chung about 10 minutes after the start, but Walker equalised from a corner kick from Clark.

Mid-field play was the feature for the great part of the second half. Tin Yung-fat gave the Chinese the lead about 15 minutes from the end.

Shortly after, the Scots were awarded a penalty kick which was, however, saved by Lee.

Aud put the Scots on level terms soon after, but Lau Fok-tsun scored the deciding goal for the Chinese about five minutes from the end.

KWONG WAH—Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Fai-lam and Leung Pak-wai; Cheung Shu-fai, Chung Kam-fai and Yeung Chi-cheung; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yung-fat, Chin Chi-fan, Lau Fok-tsun and Wong King-chung.

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GIRLS	
Canuckettes	27 Ina Florinhas 1
Wildcats	11 Panthers 2
Wahoos	13 Ramblers 4
BOYS	
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SATURDAY'S SPORTS

Cricket

The Junior Cricket League started on Saturday with a programme of three matches. The Champions, Police Recreation Club, were badly beaten by their neighbours, Craigengower Cricket Club, while Kowloon Cricket Club had a convincing win over Indian Recreation Club. C.V.J. Service did very well to get Recreation out for 60, Stone doing the "hat-trick" but their batting let them down badly and they in their turn were skittled out for a miserable 40.

Best batting feat of the afternoon was Griffiths' 74 for Club against Craigengower, while bowling honours were fairly evenly divided.

BATTING

R. H. Griffiths	74
E. Zimmern	69
J. Fenton	68
E. A. Lee	59
K. M. Baxter	47
A. M. Rodrigues	31
J. A. Soares	31

BOWLING

A. M. Omar	5 for 20
R. Baldwin	5 for 21
S. Mahmood	5 for 26
W. S. Gegg	5 for 27
G. Stone	5 for 30
E. L. Gosano	5 for 45
M. Remedios	4 for 7
P. M. N. da Silva	4 for 16
D. McLellan	4 for 22
O. V. Cheung	4 for 31
J. Hulse	4 for 42

Football

Ordnance provided the surprise on Saturday by beating South China Juniors by the odd goal in three. In the same division Middlesex were trounced by 7 goals to 2 by Sing Tao.

Kowloon fully extended Eastern in First Division at Chatham Road and after having most of the play in the second half lost 5-3.

LEADING LEAGUE GOAL-SCORERS

Following are the leading goal scorers in the three divisions of the Football League.

First Division

Hendy (Navy)	17
Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao)	16
Hau Ching-to (Eastern)	15
Lee Wai-tong (S. China)	15
V. K. Hyul (Eastern)	14
Chan Tak-fai (S. China)	14
Kwok Yin-ki (Sing Tao)	12
Howlett (Police)	10
Fowler (Club)	9
Cheuk Shek-kam (K. Wah)	9
Hossack (R. Scots)	9
Blake (Kowloon)	8
Saw (Middlesex)	8

Second Division

Fox (R.E.s)	26
Jennings (Middlesex)	24
Lee Wai-lam (R.E.s)	24
Auld (R. Scots)	22
Li Tse-ho (S. China)	16
Sadler (R.A.S.C.)	14
Martin (R.A.S.C.)	14
Clark (R.A.S.C.)	13
Chan/Chung-yin (S. China)	13
Pelham (R.E.s)	12
Wong Chi-chung (Sing Tao)	12
Morgan (R.A.S.C.)	10
Round (30th R.A.)	9

Third Division

Utter (R.E.s)	18
Brackenbury (Signals)	13
Swana (24th R.A.)	12
Whitmore (38th R.A.)	11
Reade (72th R.A.)	10
Brown (35th R.A.)	10
Maitland (R.A.F.)	13
Atkins (24th R.A.)	9
Bucha (Internat'l)	8
Bartlett (R.A.F.)	8
Hay (Internat'l)	8
Jones (36th R.A.)	7
Cress (20th R.A.)	7

Rugby

Club completed their Quadrangular fixtures on Saturday and secured the runners-up position when they beat Army by 5-3. The game was not played in the best of spirit and the referee had to caution some players.

Club "A" beat Middlesex in a friendly game by 14 points to 9.

ERNIE ZIMMERN SCORES 64

UNIVERSITY, WHO HAVE BEEN SHOWING SIGNS OF A BIG CRICKET REVIVAL THIS YEAR, FURTHER DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES YESTERDAY, WHEN THEY HAD THEIR FAIR SHARE OF A DRAWN GAME WITH THEIR PAST STUDENTS IN THE ANNUAL MATCH.

Scoring was high, the Past being only one run short of their second century for the loss of 7 wickets, and the undergraduates replying with 166 for 8.

Past started off well, Anderson and Hung, the K.C.C. opening pair, adding 30 for the first wicket; Anderson and Rumjahn 42 for the second, and 90 runs were on the board for the loss of only three wickets. Two further wickets then fell without addition but there the undergraduates' run of success ended.

Ernie Zimmern, who topped the 60 mark on Saturday for Craigengower against Club, was again in great form with the bat and, in association with his brother Francis, he added 67 for the sixth wicket to enable a declaration to be made at 199 for 7. Ernie was at the wickets for 75 minutes and hit 11 fours in his 64 scored out of 107.

Consistent Batting

University lost Matthews with their score at 16 but thereafter consistent batting enabled them to get within 33 of their opponents' total with two wickets in hand. Francis Zimmern and Anderson bowled fairly effectively for Past but Ozorio, the Recreation opening bowler, was hit for 72 runs in 17 overs, while taking two wickets. His first eight overs yielded only 23 runs but later he was badly punished.

PAST

D. J. N. Anderson, b Gegg	38
D. Hung, b Gegg	15
A. H. Rumjahn, b Mahmood	22
J. L. Youngsaye, b N. Singh	9
E. Zimmern, b Mahmood	64
F. I. Zimmern, c Mahmood, b Gegg	0
F. R. Zimmern, c Mahmood, b Vanar	29
G. Hong Choy, not out	7
P. M. N. da Silva, not out	1
Extras (B6, LB5, NB4)	15

Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 199
C. W. Lam, G. Abraham and H. L. Ozorio did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mahmood	17	4	87	4
Gegg	14	2	59	3
N. Singh	7	1	29	1
S. A. Vanar	2	0	29	1

Mahmood bowled four no-balls.

UNIVERSITY

K. Y. Tam, c Hung, b Anderson	14
C. N. Matthews, b Ozorio	3
L. T. Ride, c Youngsaye, b Ozorio	30
W. S. Gegg, b Anderson	12
K. S. Oh, run out	26
J. Fenton, not out	37
N. Singh, c Lam, b F. R. Zimmern	7
T. T. Chin, b F. R. Zimmern	9
K. Lo, b F. R. Zimmern	0
N. C. Sen Gupta, not out	1
Extras (B18, LB9)	27

Total (for 8 wks.) 186
S. Mahmood and S. A. Vanar did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. R. Zimmern	9	2	23	3
Ozorio	17	4	72	2
Lam	2	1	10	0
Anderson	6	1	14	2
Silva	3	0	11	0
Hong Choy	2	0	8	0

Miss Alice Marble Leaves Amateur Ranks With No Regrets

Thrilled At New Opportunities Now Open To Continue Her Musical Education

THE WOMEN'S National tennis sky missed its brightest star, but a new light of hope shone in the eyes of tournament entrants who for years have found their paths to the championship blocked by the tall figure of Alice Marble, writes a New York correspondent.

The blonde Californian, 27 years old, announced that she had turned professional, that she would play her first match in Madison Square Garden Jan. 6, and that she would receive a minimum guarantee of \$25,000 plus a percentage of the receipts for a four and one-half month tour under the direction of Jack Harris of Chicago.

Harris said the itinerary of the tour has not been arranged, but there was a possibility the second match would be in Chicago.

Budge And Tilden

Miss Marble's partners on the tour will be Don Budge, Bill Tilden, and a still unnamed woman player. Harris said he is negotiating with a well-known amateur player who is awaiting permission of her parents before accepting his offer.

It was reported the player in question is Ruth Mary Hardwick, English Wightman Cup star.

Winner of 23 National championships here and abroad, undefeated since meeting Helen Jacobs at Wimbledon in 1938, Miss Marble leaves the amateur field with no regrets.

"My heart was set on being a tennis champion," she said. "Amateur tennis has given me all it can, and I wouldn't play another season."

I am really thrilled, as for the first time in my life I will have the time and the money to do the things I've always wanted to do."

Many Avocations

The "things" include continuing her musical education and doing something in radio. She already includes dress designing and lecture work among her many avocations.

Miss Marble's championships include the U.S. singles titles in 1936, '38, '39 and '40, and the singles crown at Wimbledon in 1939. She is particularly proud of winning the National mixed doubles championship four times with four different partners.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

DRAW FOR FIRST ROUND

Following is the draw for the First Round of the Junior Championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

L. Jackson v N. D. Lloyd
J. Linaker v D. J. Valentine
Capt. Thursby v F. A. Redmond
S. L. Lloyd v J. E. Richardson
R. D. Gillespie v P. V. McLane
J. M. Thomson v A. J. Dennis
C. W. E. Bishop v F. N. Merritt
E. G. Price v P. Morrison

Following qualified for the match play stages of the Junior Championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling yesterday:

A. J. Dennis + (75); J. E. Richardson, and F. N. Merritt — (82); N. D. Lloyd — (84); L. Jackson — (86); D. J. Valentine, and F. A. Redmond — (87); S. L. Lloyd, J. Linaker, P. V. McLane, R. D. Gillespie, and J. M. Thomson + (88); P. Morrison, E. G. Price, Capt. Thursby, and C. W. E. Bishop + (89).

COULD HAVE BEEN GREAT SPRINTER

Bob Zupke insists Red Grange could have been one of the world's greatest sprinters if he had concentrated on track.

"I clocked him in 10 seconds flat for the 100," says the Illinois coach, "and he was running in street clothes. I'm a conservative timer, too."

HOCKEY RESULTS

Following are yesterday's hockey results:—

Royal Engineer	1	Khalsa	3
A. N. Other XI	3	Police "B"	4
Gunboats	0	C.B.A.	6
Destroyers	0	Police "A"	4
Signal's	2	5th A.A. "A"	0

ARMY MISS CHANCES

By "Scrum-Half"

Army, the most disappointing team in this season's Quadrangular Rugby Tournament, lost to Club on Saturday by a kick, the score being 5 points to 3 after they had been in arrears at the interval.

As in the match against Navy, the threequarters were given many opportunities as the result of Ford's fine hooking, but poor handling and passing held them up rather than the defensive abilities of Club.

Club, who can consider themselves fortunate to have won, were well served by Thompson, Charter, Kennedy, Needham, Macrae and Thomas, while Army's more prominent players were Coombes, the man of the match, Millar, Duke, Ford, Pinkerton and Gilliam.

Next Saturday Army play their final fixture, when they meet Police, the only side they have beaten, and a week on Wednesday the Tournament will be concluded when the unbeaten Navy team meet Police at Causeway Bay.

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IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY THAT THE WHOLE OF THE ITALIAN FORCES OCCUPYING THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF BARDIA'S DEFENCES WERE FORCED TO SURRENDER ON SATURDAY NIGHT; THE TOTAL PRISONERS NOW EXCEEDS 15,000.

The Southern sector had surrendered earlier and the last remaining pockets of resistance were mopped up by Australian infantry shortly before 6 o'clock on Saturday evening.

The Italian flag was hauled down from the mast over Government House and resistance ceased.

Thus, in 36 hours, the Australian infantry, fighting in perfect cooperation with British mechanised units, R.A.F. fighter-bombers and big ships of the Royal Navy, smashed the iron ring round this much-vaunted stronghold.

The capture of 15,000 prisoners, officially announced yesterday afternoon, left little doubt as to the outcome of the battle.

The military spokesman has pointed out how greatly eased Britain's maintenance problem will become with the capture of Bardia.

Use of the port will save the long overland journey from Mersa Matruh and Port Sollum which, until a few days ago, was under shell-fire from Bardia.

The Bardia water supply is also believed to be better than any available at Mersa Matruh, Sidi Barrani, Bug Bug or Sollum.

ITALIAN AIR BASES ATTACKED

ITALIAN AERODROMES IN EASTERN LIBYA WERE SUBJECTED TO INCESSANT BOMBARDMENT DURING THE NIGHT OF FRIDAY/SATURDAY AND THROUGHOUT SATURDAY. STATES A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FROM R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST HEADQUARTERS, IN CAIRO.

During two encounters with the Italian air force three CR 42's were shot down in flames and one other destroyed.

British losses were one fighter in the Western Desert.—Reuter.

Severe Blow

The spokesman also emphasised that the capture of Bardia—first Italian township to fall—is another severe blow to Italian prestige, while the capture of 15,000 prisoners, with the promise of more to come, means that Graziani's army, destined for the invasion of Egypt, no longer exists.

In fact, it has been disposed of in less than a month.

Meanwhile, a detachment of Marines of the Free French Forces succeeded in cutting the road between Bardia and Tobruk, announces the press service of Free France in London.

West Of Bardia

It adds that at the time of this success this detachment was patrolling west of positions still held by the Italians.

In the Sudan, the announcement adds, detachments of Spahis had various encounters with enemy patrols which were rapidly scattered and left behind several dead.—Reuter.

HUGE FUND FOR EDUCATION

GEN. MA PU-FANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINGHAI (CHINESE KOKONOR) PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, HAS DONATED HIS FAMILY FORTUNE VALUED AT \$75,000,000 FOR THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATION IN HIS PROVINCE IN ORDER TO WIPE OUT ILLITERACY AND TO STRENGTHEN THE BASIS OF THE WAR OF RESISTANCE.

The donation consists of some 10,000 houses in various parts of the province handed down by his ancestors, over 50,300 mow of fertile land and more than 10,000 head of cattle. The designated properties were formally handed over to the officials of the Provincial Government and the Department of Education on New Year's Day.

Meanwhile, an official report on the donation has been filed with the Ministry of Education in Chungking.

Natives of Chinghai, Kansu and Ninghsia provinces resident in Chungking have jointly telegraphed to Gen. Ma Fu-fang, paying him warm tributes for his magnificent contribution.

The telegram said that Gen. Ma's unprecedented act has aroused nation-wide enthusiasm.—Central News.

SILVER CUPS STOLEN FROM CLUB

Silver cups, valued at \$100, were stolen from the Kowloon Docks Recreation Club between 8 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. last Friday.

STOP PRESS

The London Stock Exchange Committee have formally announced dealings in the two new Government tax loans, namely 2½ per cent National War Bonds 1946/48 and 3 per cent Savings Bonds 1955/65.—Reuter.

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HOLD-UP ON N.W. FRONTIER

Fifty armed hostiles held up a Bannu-bound passenger bus yesterday and kidnapped four, two of whom were released later.

The others, including a pensioner subedar, were taken across the border, says a Reuter despatch from Peshawar.

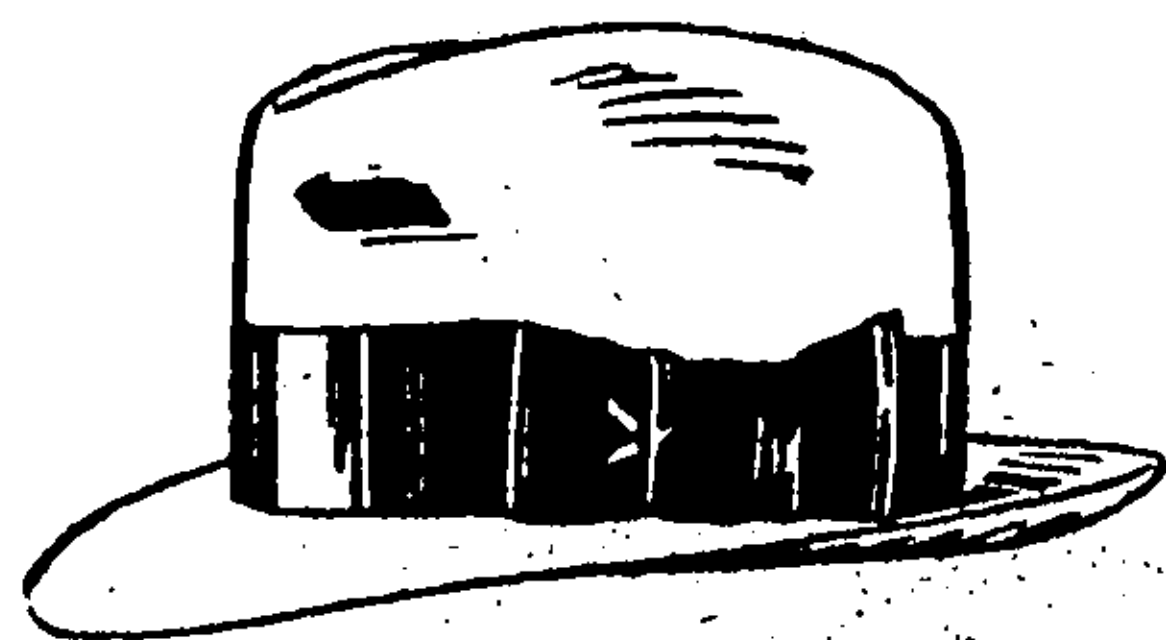
DEATH

DAVIDSON — On January 4th, 1941, Flying Officer J. P. A. Davidson, dearly loved only son of Edgar & Eva Davidson, reported killed in an aircraft accident.

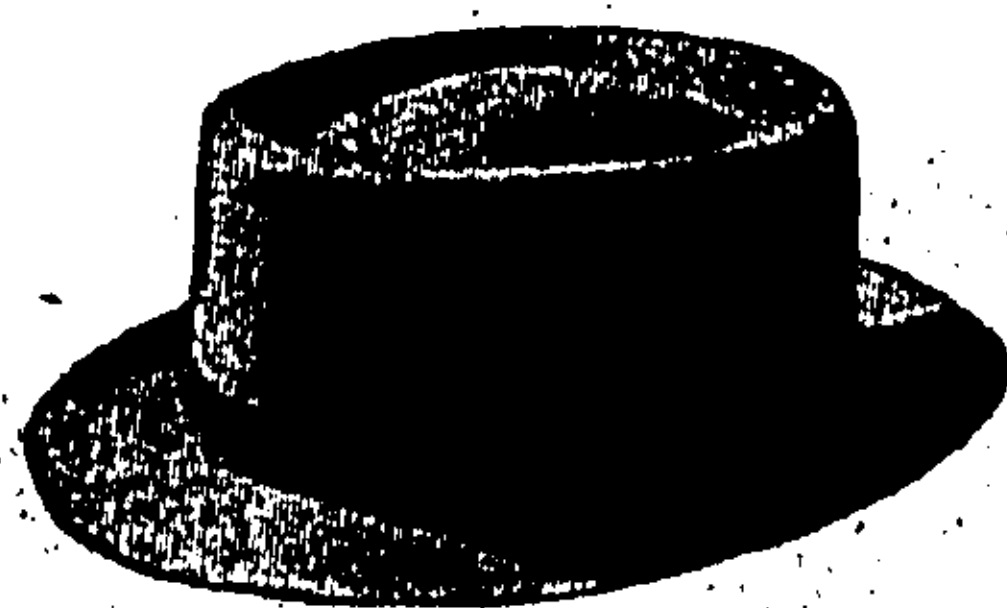


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